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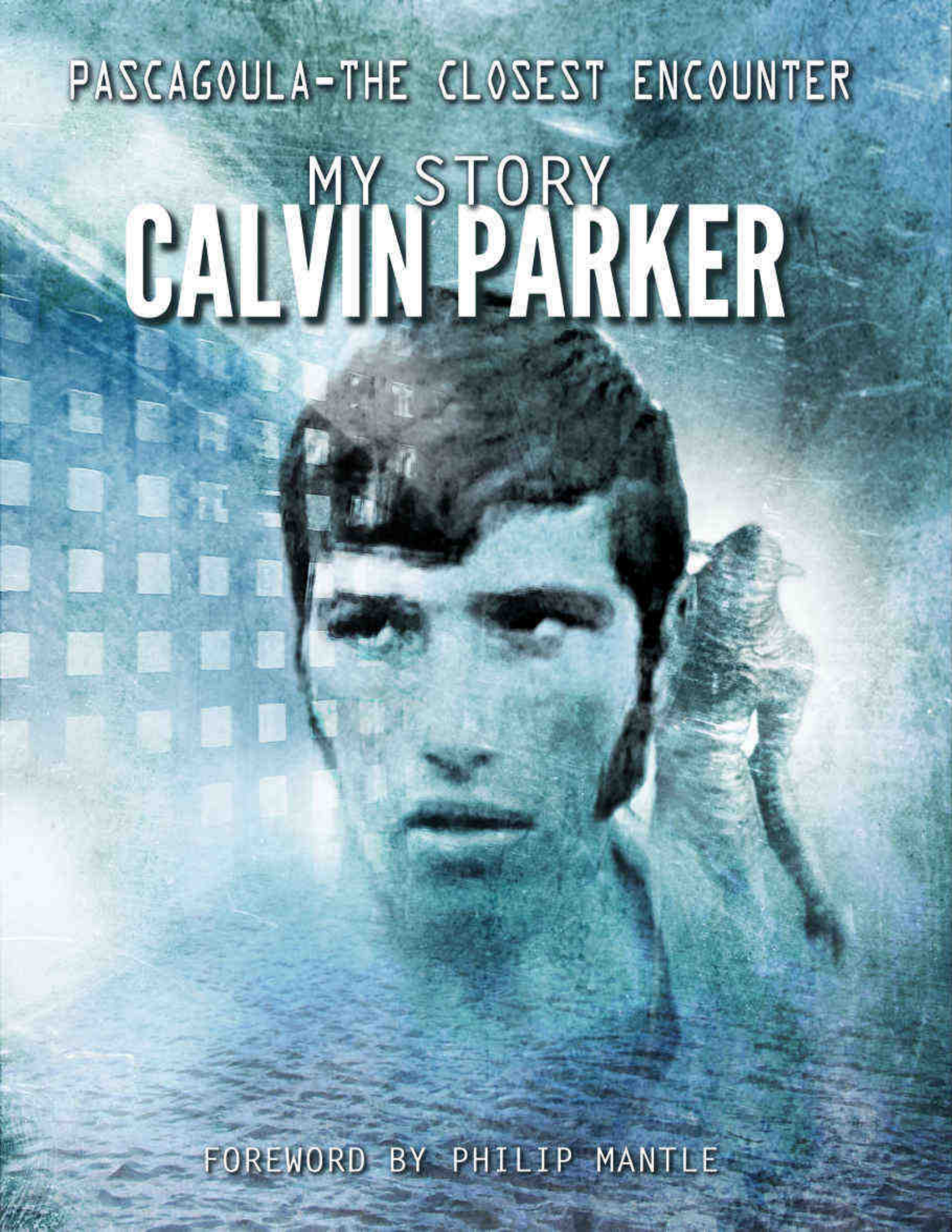

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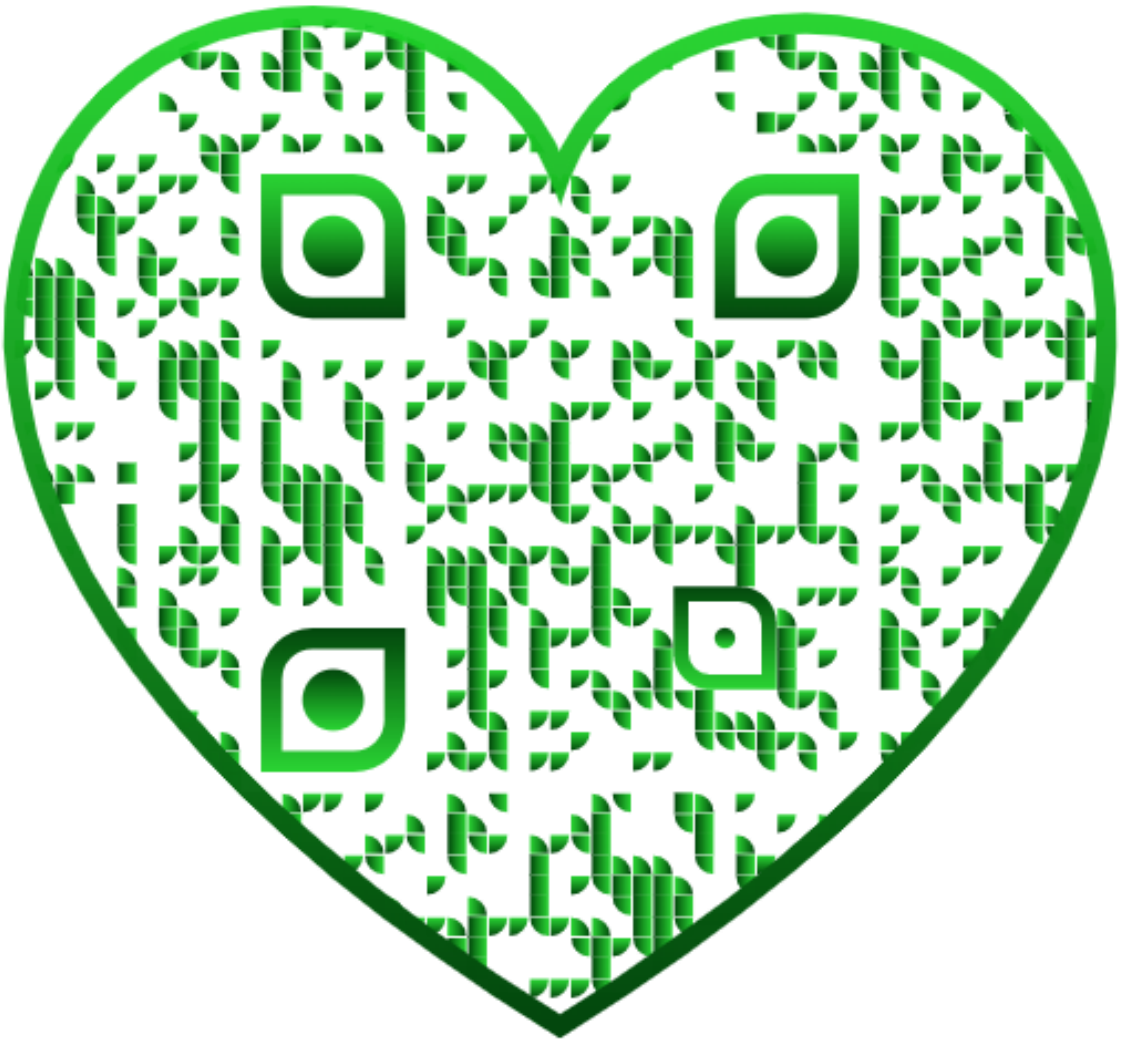

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As a young man I'd always had an interest in all things 'paranormal'. In the mid1970's I had a little bit of an interest in UFOs but not much. Then, in 1978 here in the UK, the blockbuster movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind hit the big screen and my interest in UFOs went through the roof. In 1980 I joined a local UFO group in the UK called the Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS) and I never looked back. I have now been actively involved in UFO research and investigation for forty years.

During those forty years I've probably investigated just about every type of UFO case you can think of. I've also read hundreds of books and magazines and watched countless UFO documentaries and even taken part in a few as well. I'm often asked if there is one UFO case that sticks out for me as the 'best' or my 'favourite'. I usually refer to one that I have personally investigated but there is one that I was not involved in that stands out for me for a whole variety of reasons. That one case is the incident at Pascagoula, Mississippi, that took place on October 11th, 1973 and involved Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker.

I first read about this close encounter case, or should I say alien abduction case, in a magazine before I read about it in book form in the 1980's. It intrigued me then and intrigues me even more now. Why did it intrigue me so much? Well, to begin with there were two people involved. Most close encounter cases like this only involve one witness. It is rare, even today, that such cases have multiple participants/witnesses. Added to this are the beings reported by Hickson and Parker. As far as I'm aware they are totally unique. Along with that they reported their encounter within almost no time, first to Keesler Air Force Base then to their local Sheriff's Department. They were interviewed at the local Sheriff's Department just a couple of hours after the event and were even recorded on a 'secret tape'. The day after they were also interview on site at Keesler Air Force Base. And if that was not enough, the world's leading UFO researcher at the time, Dr J. Allan Hynek, was in Pascagoula within thirty six hours of the event taking place and confirmed at a press conference that the two witnesses, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were telling the truth. There simply was no other case like it before or after. It is unique.

If we move away from what these two men recounted as seeing and look how this experience affected them, then this too is quite remarkable. The elder of the two was Charles Hickson who was forty two at the time. The other witness, Calvin Parker was just nineteen at the time. Hickson was a veteran of the Korean War where he had seen combat as part of the US Army. Parker was just a young country boy who had just begun to plan out his life and was looking forward to marrying his fiancé. Both men were scared at the time but Charles Hickson seemed to handle things better than his young friend Calvin Parker. I think it is fair to say that this experience had a profound effect on both witnesses.

Charles Hickson was very open about what had happened to him and he went on to speak on TV talk shows, UFO conventions and radio and TV interviews, while Calvin Parker was happy to stay out of it as much as he could and remain in the background. Now all that has changed.

Sadly Charles Hickson is now deceased but he told his side of the story in a variety of different ways including a book. But Calvin Parker, the younger of the two witnesses has rarely gone on the record to detail his side of the story. Well that has all changed and what is to follow in this book is exactly that, Calvin Parker's side of the story. It is a story that at times is quite moving but also in other parts quite disturbing. It is, no matter what, quite an extraordinary and unique account of a first-hand close encounter experience. Calvin Parker not only details what he encountered that night in October, 1973, but how it has affected him and his loved ones down the years. And last but by no means least; Calvin Parker tells us why, after all these years, he has decided to tell us his side of the story now.

For me personally Calvin Parker's account that follows confirms why I singled it out as something unique and why this case has stuck in my mind all these years. If I needed any confirmation of how unique this case is, which I don't, it is how it has also become embedded in popular culture. Very few UFO cases have done that but this one has and even today you can buy a small model depicting the event.

It is as well a brave thing for Calvin Parker to do especially when you discover how the close encounter affected him. As a long standing UFO researcher it is a great pleasure and an honour to have assisted Calvin

Parker with this book and to write the foreword for it. All I ask is that you keep an open mind and read what could be one of the closest encounters of all time.

Philip Mantle 2018.
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INTRODUCTION

Who is Calvin Parker ?

When I first saw the world it was November 2, 1954 at 11:00am. My mother went into labor while visiting my grandparents in Hobbes, New Mexico and she was just 16 years of age. So they drove her to Seminole, Texas where I was born. It must have been a rough child birth. I've seen pictures of me as a baby, my face was swollen and my eyes were black. I

looked like hell. Later on my mother told me they had to use forceps during the delivery. An interesting fact is that in those days it only cost $100.00 per child birth. My mother's name is Betty Lou Parker and her father was Ed. Lou Garrard her mother was Ruby Lee Garrard, (nee Ritchie). She was the youngest and an only girl and had three brothers. They lived in the Texas Pandhandle and I really never got to know my grandparents on her side of the family, we always lived way off from them.

Being as I was the first born they named me after my father so my name was Calvin Ray Parker Jr. I came in at 8lb 16oz. I thought that I was average size but my nick name was peewee which still stays with me to this very day. I didn't know why until later when I found out that my dad didn't weigh but 2lb and was born while my grandmother was picking cotton. After he was delivered she went back to work the same day which by all accounts was not unusual in those days. They were share croppers which meant they worked someone else's land for part of the crops. My grandmother's name on my father's side was Mary Ann Parker. My grandfather's name was Thomas Copel Parker. I was really close to them and I probably stayed with them almost as much as I did at home.

My grandfather used to break horses in for a living. So when I was young we went to a lot of horse shows and won many first place trophy's.They didn't have a lot of money but I remember them taking me to Sears in Laurel Mississippi. Where we were living at the time and buying me a saddle and paying for it in cash. Just about every Sunday all the Parker family went to their house after church for lunch. It pretty much became a family tradition.

In 1956 my brother came along and I remember the day he was born. My parents named him Ricky Joe Parker I was very young so my uncle was looking after me. He was hungry so he took me across the road and bought me my first hamburger. What a day that was. My brother was born and I ate my first hamburger. Back to my brother. I thought he was the greatest thing in the world and I was so proud of him. We were really close and had a lot of fun together. He just recently passed away in 2017 and that took a lot out of me and I miss him so much. We use to go rabbit hunting and fishing together. He was always straight laced and by the book. I, on the other

hand, was just the opposite of him. I remember me making him skip school at times and he didn't like it but we would go swimming at the old rock quarry. He really never liked to do his chores around the house so I would do them for him. He was always really quiet so there were a few people who would try to bully him at school. I used to stick up for him and got in many fights over him as a result I was regularly in trouble at school. He had the brains I had the brawn. Speaking of school I always thought it was a waste of my time to be perfectly honest. I went to elementary school in Sandersville, Mississippi. That was the year JFK was assassinated and that's all I remember about my time at that school. I do, however, remember high school. That was at West Jones in Laurel, Mississippi. The one thing that I remember was the first year it was open I never went to school with any black students. It was still segregated. They tried integration but Laurel was a heavy klan (Klu Klux Klan) town. Once the high school introduced integration there were a few problems to start with but it all worked out fine in the end. Like me, most people didn't really care and were not racist at all. They just didn't liked the government telling them what to do. When I was in the 11thgrade I took my last spanking at school so I quit and went to work in the oil fields. Enough was enough. I think it's fair to say that my education wasn't great but I have very few regrets.

As a child I would work in the garden and my brother and I would ride bicycles a lot all over the neighborhood but we never got into trouble of any kind expect I would skip school. School just wasn't for me.

Much later on in my life I had two sisters come along. But because of the age difference I didn't really grow up with them. We didn't grow up together like I did with my brother although I love both of them a great deal. My first sister was named Michelle, we both love the outdoors and love to fish and still go fishing together today just to spend some time together. My other sister's name is Caleene and the one thing that we have in common is our love for family.

Well it was now time to get married. I drove my wife's school bus her name is Dorothy Waynett Parker everyone calls her Waynett I was just 16 years old when I started driving a bus. But that is where I met her and we dated until I was about to turn eighteen and we got married on November 9, 1973.

I had already moved back too Laurel, Mississippi by this time from Pascagoula. In 1976 our daughter was born. Her name is Stacie Michel Parker I will always remember her being so little and we were working out of town and she loved ice, she always wanted to go to the ice machine and get ice. That was okay with us, she was our baby anything she wanted was fine. She was and is very smart she grew up worked in dental hygiene. She worked hard and did very well at her job and unsurprisingly she married a dentist. His name is Thomas Bailey he is the best son-in-law anyone could want for their daughter. We all love him very much and are lucky to have him in our family. My wife and I were married for seven years at which point we divorced. The pressure from the close encounter experience in 1973 was just too much for either one of us to deal with. I really would not talk about it and kept it bottled up inside and there was never no privacy in our marriage, everything I did was in the press. We had no private life and I would go to work and the press would just follow me. People were curious and wanted ask questions which I didn't have a problem with. The average man in the street would ask me politely and that was fine, but some would say I gave them an interview and they would make up some wild story or something to make it seem worse than it was. I was then and still am now, fed up with those kind of people which is one of the reasons I am trying to write this book to get the real story out there. I trust very few people and I elaborate more on this later in this book. I stayed married to Waynette for 7 years then we got a divorce. Waynett and my daughter moved to Florida and she re-married. The guy she married tried to brain wash my daughter and that's all I have to say about that. We were apart up until 1996 then my ex-wife and daughter moved back we re-married and are still together today and still fighting the same battle that broke us up to start with. She is the one that wanted me to write a book and get the true story out there. Our hope is that by doing this people will not be able to change the facts and put words into my mouth and say things about what happened that simply are not true. While we were separated I married again and had two more children. My heart broke when my son passed away. I am not going to say his name as I swore never to let it pass through my lips again. I know some reporter will stick his nose where it don't belong and if they do I will deal with it then.

By this time I felt like I needed to get back to the coast. There was something about the coast I loved. So, in 1996 I moved back to the coast and it wasn't long before my first wife and my daughter moved back and quite unexpectedly we re-married and remain so today. Finally I took a job with a construction company and the owner and I became good friends and are still friends today. I wanted to live on the Pascagoula River so I moved about two miles from where Charles Hickson and I had the close encounter back in 1973. It's just something about this river that I love.

At long last I felt like I was getting close to getting my life back together again. Then in 2010 I had a stroke losing my ability to get around. Hell I can't even dress myself in the mornings so that stopped me from working. I started trying to rehabilitate myself to get back to work and back to some kind of normal life. Then in 2012 I had a heart attack. I had to have open heart surgery and while trying to get over the operation my chest opened up while taking a shower, so it was back to the hospital. It was here that the medical staff heard a noise coming from my heart, so they re-opened me and worked on my heart so I guess my chest re-opening saved my life. I was on a *Wound VAC* for a few months. Having to have a nurse come to the house twice a week to change the *VAC* bandages. That was hard on my family and me being sick. I couldn't work and we had no income and I felt like my world had come to an end and it pretty much had.

Family and friends were the only things that got me through this. Family petty much has to stay with you but friends don't have to but I have the best friends in the world and they were there for me and I just want to thank them for all of their support. My wife and daughter were with me some of the way. The best feeling in the world was when I was in recovery. I felt someone on each hand saying "dad" but I couldn't speak because of the breathing tube but it sounded like two angels were there for me. The first time I was in surgery was for 18 hours and all my family and friends were there for my wife and daughter. The doctor. didn't know if I would make it or not but I had the best care any one could have at the Singing River Hospital. I was in ICU (Intensive Care Unit) for 21 days. My friend Steve Jordan was there every day to see me even though he had his company to run he didn't miss a day. I don't know how my wife stood it, she was there all the time. I would try and convince her go home and take a break. I

thought she did go home but she would just go to the waiting room leaving me thinking she was getting some rest but she was still there. After 21 days they let me go home. The same day I went home they had glued me together. I was at home taking a shower when the location in my chest where I had the surgery just burst open so back to the hospital I went. That was when the medical staff heard a noise coming from my heart so they re-broke my ribs and worked on my heart for another 10 hours. After that they couldn't sew me up so I was on a Wound VAC for 6 weeks had to clean and change the bandage at least twice a week go to see the doctor at least once a week. I was on such strong antibiotic medication that I couldn't eat or keep food down and lost 50 lbs in weight while trying to get well. But I made it through all of that and thankfully I'm still here today to tell the story. I thank all of the medical staff and my family for all they did for me during one of the darkest periods of my life.

Well, time goes on and I still live on the coast and most likely will always live here Here in 2018 I still don't have the use of my left leg and left arm but I am grateful to still be alive and to finally tell my side of the story of what happened to me and Charles Hickson on October 11, 1973. My one wish would be to have a grandchild to spoil but I don't think it will ever happen. So we have a dog instead and boy he is spoiled .There is not much I can do myself now but my wife and I have a boat we both like to fish so between her and my friends I still manage to get out and about. They take me fishing on a regular basis. If I had one wish it would be to live closer to my daughter and son-in-law. Considering everything I consider myself a lucky guy to have such a wonderful circle of family and friends around me and to finally get this opportunity to set the record straight.

****** CHAPTER ONE
Meeting Charles Hickson

As a child in 1964 my parents built a house in Sandersville, Mississippi. That was the first time I remember meeting Charles (Charlie) Hickson. Charlie and my dad used to fish together. They were fishing nuts. I remember them taking all of us kids on camping trips to the Pearl River. Charlie had two sons that I knew, that was Eddie and Curt along with his daughter Sheila. We used to all play together and even went to vacation

bible school together. I still see and talk to his oldest son Eddie every now and then. As a matter of fact we went fishing together last year had a good day but had ended up having to take him to the ER (Emergency Room) to have a fish-fin removed from his hand. There is a fish that has fins called a ‘hard head’ and if you get a fin stuck in you it’s very painful. His daughter Sheila and I still talk to each other via skype on the computer and she is also a good friend of ours. Their younger brother Curt was closer to my brothers age. At one point we spent a lot of time with Charlie's family as our parents would go out and leave the older kids to watch the younger ones. I really never got to know Charlie as a person back then because of the age difference. He was of course much older than me and was of my parents’ generation. The one thing I do remember is that Charlie was a constable in Jones County. People thought a lot of him and he was highly respected.

I remember this one time when we were fishing in the Pearl River and it was running really swiftly. I slipped and fell in and there was no hesitation on his part to jump in the water and pull me out. I might have drowned if it were not for his swift action. My family spent a lot of time with Charlie and his family and we use to all eat at each other’s houses. As I got older I got to know him a lot better on a personal level. He then went to work at a place in Laurel, Mississippi, that built doors for houses. I don’t really remember what year that was but I was around 15 years of age. Then one day Charlie got off work came, by the house and said they were shutting down the door company. He was going to have to find another job. He looked for a job for about two weeks and then found one at a ship yard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. By this time I was welding at a machine shop, ‘Howes Implements’ in Laurel. This is where I learned to read blue prints. I quit Howes and went to work at another shop for more money, Wansley Machine and Welding. Wansley mostly worked on oilfield equipment. This job was just getting me ready for shipyard work .

Over the next couple of years I did get to see Charlie. It was mainly my father, brother and I that would go to the coast and fish with Charlie and he would spend the weekend with us at times. This is when I really got to know him as a friend and a person. We would sit and talk about his time in North Korea, (when he was in the US Army) sometimes he would tell me

stories about how cold it was and how hungry our troops would get. Then he would just shut down and not talk about it anymore. There were times I didn't know how to take him, he would have his own way of pissing me off and then other times I thought the world of him. But you know family is the same way.

There was a other times when we didn't see each other much. I was on 24 hour call at work and could not leave the house and he didn't come back to visit for a while. I am guessing he was just busy at work. By this time I was engaged to get married and was sick of being on call I started hunting for another job that wasn't so demanding and I could make a decent living at. My dad told me to talk to Charlie, they did almost the same kind of work I did at the shipyard where he worked. So, the next weekend I was off work I drove to Gautier, Mississippi to see Charlie. That's just a small town west of Pascagoula, about a five minute drive to the shipyard where he was working. By this time Charlie had moved to Collage Villa apartments that had just recently been built. He had a three-bedroom apartment and a new daughter called Tisha. Charlie said he could get me a job where I would work as a ship fitter at FB Walker's shipyard. It didn't pay as much as Ingles but it wasn't that bad. So, the rest of that weekend we got in my car and he showed me around. (It's important to remember that the car was a 1973 Rambler Hornet it was yellow this comes into play later). Along the Mississippi Gulf Coast that weekend we must have driven over a hundred miles just looking. We ended back up at Charlie's and Blanche, his wife, who was a lady of few words. Then, to my surprise he asked Blanche if they could rent me the other room until I found a place of my own. So, I agreed to go to work for Charlie and pay $50.00 a week for my lodgings with him. I told Charlie to give me two weeks to work out my notice at my other job. He said that would be fine. So it was getting late. We were getting hungry and Charlie said I know a place down the road that has good food and cold beer. I told him lets go and I will buy you dinner this evening. So we went there for dinner at about 7:00 pm. I knew I had to drive home so I ordered a *Miller Pony* which was popular back then. I can't for the life of me remember what we ate that night, but Charlie had several beers and I was ready to leave to make the drive home. He wanted me to stay the night but I knew I had to work the next day and had a two hour drive home. I was already regretting the decision to move to the coast. One reason was that I

just didn’t like changes or living in the house with someone else. All the way home I thought about it and decided it would be best for me and when I got married I could get my own place. I went home the next day and turned in my notice. I worked things out then called Charlie and told him I would be down October 3, (1973). This was on a Wednesday so I drove down that morning and met Charlie at the gate of the shipyard. He escorted me to the office to fill out the paperwork and attend safety classes. The first day at work was classes, oh boy. We got off work around 5:00 pm that day. I followed him back to the apartment grabbed my bag, went to my room and started unpacking. That’s when Blanche came in and said supper was ready, so we went to the table, blessed the food, gave thanks and ate a good country meal.

The next morning it was Thursday the 4th of October (1973). Charlie and me got up for work at about 6:00am. We got in my car and went to Wayne Lees a grocery store that was close-by that served a great breakfast in the morning. I remember I ate a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich but don’t remember what Charlie had. We went in to work brassed in. (In the ship they give out a brass token with a number on it so you turn it in when getting there pick it up when leaving so that’s how they keep up with your time and know you are there). Charlie came by and handed me a set of plans told me to get to work. I thought this day would never end. Even though it was October, it was hot as hell.

A person working around metal has to wear thick clothes to protect their skin from burns and cuts. Other than being hot they have a bug called a 'no see um’. Many people don’t know what a ‘no see um’ looks like because of its tiny size, but if one bites you it’s hard to miss. The insect is a blood sucker many times smaller than a mosquito, but with a bite much more painful. The sting causes a large welt and skin irritation.

Finally the day was over so we jumped into my car and drove to Charlie's apartment. While driving home we were looking at the water and talking about fishing. Charlie said I have caught a lot of fish out there. That was off highway 90 (the Pascagoula River) it is a lot of marsh land and I now also found out from Charlie that it is known for its good fishing.

After work on the 5th of October we were going to be off for the weekend. I made the drive home back to Laurel. I got to my dad's house visiting with my brother for a little while, I took a shower and went to spend time with my fiancé Waynette. So I picked Waynette up in the car and we went to a drive-in movie in Laurel. The movie was called 'My Name is Nobody'. It was a really good western. Waynette had to be home by 11:00pm and it was 10:30pm so I walked to the pay phone and called her dad to see if I could bring her home after the movie. Of course in 1973 there were no cell phones. He said that I better have her home at 11:00pm like he said. So, I went back to the car and drove like hell to get her home in time. We barely made it and I was thinking all the way what an ass her father was. But I dared not say that to him or I would never get to see her again.

On Saturday the 6th of October (1973) I picked Waynett up and we went out to spend some time with my mother. We stayed there the rest of the day. At around 6:00pm I took Waynett home, said my goodbye's and told her that I would see her next weekend and that I was going back to the coast early Sunday so I could get some rest before going to work on Monday.

I made it back to the coast around 11:00pm Sunday the 7th of October. Sheila and, Charlie's daughter was there so I visited with her for around 30 minutes and then went to my room and went to bed in order to get some rest before work Monday morning.

I worked until Thursday the 11th of October and little did I know then what was going to happen that day after work. The work day was a normal one, still very hot for the time of the year and of course a bunch of bugs still irritating the hell out of us. Charlie came by around lunch time and asked me if I wanted to fish a little while when we got off work that evening. I told him that I really didn't want to go fishing because of the bugs. He told me he had some Avon `Skin-So-Soft` and that it would keep the bugs away. I was thinking "Why the hell hadn't he already told me that?". On the way back to the apartment after work I told Charlie that I didn't have any fishing equipment and that I would have to stop and buy some. Charlie said he had plenty of fishing tackle that I could use but I really didn't want to use his equipment. When you live in the south to use someone else's fishing tackle is like using someone's wife. But, reluctantly, I agreed to use his equipment.

We got home a little early that day at around 5:00pm, loaded his fishing equipment into my car and we were ready. Charlie had fishing bait in the freezer (dead shrimp) so we were all set for an evening's fishing at the spot Charlie had pointed out to me just off Highway 90 on the Pascagoula River.

****** CHAPTER TWO

The Closest Encounter – Pascagoula River, Thursday October 11th, 1973

Here it is October 11th, 1973. At 5:00pm Charlie and I finished our work for the day at the shipyard and headed back home to his apartment in order to get ready to go fishing. It was around 5:45pm when we walked out the door to leave to go fishing. Charlie had told his wife we would be back in a couple of hours.

On the way to the fishing spot on the Pascagoula River, Charlie told me we would go to a spot where they unloaded grain from the ships and some times they would spill some grain and the fish would get under the elevator to eat it. That was the spot we were heading for. We were bound to catch a lot of fish. I told Charlie that it sounded good to me because I didn't know anything about this river but he obviously did. However, the first thing we had to do was to stop at the old Schaupeter shipyard and try fishing there for a little while. It normally would take about 30 minutes drive to get there from his apartment but for some reason we made it in about 15 minutes. That put us there at around 6:00pm but neither of us had a watch on so we had no way to tell time. On the way there was a broken-down car with some idiot standing out there raising hell with his wife and really cussing her. I wanted to stop and beat the hell out of him but Charlie said lets not get involved. I don't believe in abusing a woman or being a bully but that day I just took Charlie's advice and let it go.

Upon arrival at the river we had to park about one hundred yards from where we were going to fish. The old road looked like everyone would dump their trash there so there was no way to drive up to the water's edge. On our left was a high rise toll-bridge that was part of Highway 90. The bridge was tall enough to get big ships under it. The highway was about 300 yards from where we were fishing. This ***Schaupeter*** shipyard had been out

of business for a long time and the marsh grass was very tall around where we had to park. I asked Charlie why would everyone dump their trash out there. He told me that the water level gets high up and washes a lot of the trash from the road and out from under people's houses. When we moved down here after a couple of floods I found out that was very true. Upon arrival we unloaded some fishing equipment and pushed our way through some heavy brush before finally getting to the river. There was an old steel pier that looked in very poor shape to fish on but on closer inspection it looked okay. I don't know what time it was because neither Charlie nor myself had a watch on. At this point neither one of us had a drink of anything, not a coke, no beer, nothing.

We found some old timber to sit on and I remember Charlie saying to me that he had caught a lot of Red Fish there. This is a popular game fish and they put up a good fight. I could see why it would be good fishing there. There is an East River and a West River and it's easy to get them mixed up. We were on the East River. I remember someone once saying that we were on the West River but we weren't it was the East. If we had caught some fish I was thinking about getting them back to the car and having to walk back through that mess.

We started fishing and it was dark but a bright night and I guess it was a full moon as well. While I was fishing I was looking across the water at a big ship and wondering how something that big made out of steel could float. Then I remember telling Charlie "Hell there's no fish here lets go to the old grain elevator that you was talking about." He said "Let's give them a few more minutes." We finally caught a couple of hard heads which no one eats. I know what it was; Charlie didn't want to walk back through that mess without some decent fish.

Then I just happened to turn around and look back seeing some blue hazy lights and thinking the Police were looking at my car. At about that point, Charlie also saw the lights, almost I reckon, at the same time as I had. I thought the Police were going to make us move or maybe they thought we were dumping some trash. Looking back now I wish that was true. Then, all of a sudden we both saw it at about the same time. It was an ovalshaped craft about 8 feet high and fairly long, in the shape of a football. It was

hovering about 2 feet from the ground and I didn't see any support under the craft. It looked to be just floating. It was hard to tell the color because of the lights that were hazy-blue and quite bright. All of a sudden the craft just lit up really bright. That was when the door opened allowing light from inside of the craft to spill out. The lights were so bright it was blinding. The best way I can describe it is like someone welding. It just appeared all at one time. The door must have slid open because it didn't swing and that's when the bright lights appeared. It made my blood run cold and I looked over at Charlie. He was really pale but not saying a word. I guess even the bravest person can get scared every now and then I know we both were. I started exploring my options on which way to run but there was no time for that. All of a sudden it seemed like the speed of light there were three grey-colored wrinkled-skin creatures, short-ish in size at about 5 feet tall more or less and stocky looking, grey in color with no facial features just floating about two feet off the ground. I guess they were floating because they had to as I didn't see any feet. And before we knew it they were right there on us. Two of them got hold of Charlie and the third one grabbed my left arm. I don't know how it happened but I instantly became really relaxed and did not care what happened to me. Afterwards there was a puncture mark on my left arm where they grabbed me. I heard what sounded like a shot of air after which I just became all relaxed. The other thing I noticed was the creature's hands. They were not like ours with fingers and a thumb; they had instead what looked like a pincerlike appendage rather like the claw of a crab. I did not see any facial features, no eyes, mouth or nose. Later on Charlie said that he had got a good look at their face. This is the last time I saw Charlie until we were set free and let out of the craft. I didn't see him on board that thing.

I seemed to be weightless and floated to the door of the craft. I was able to see everything but I was just not able to move or to speak. When entering through the door they immediately turned left. Going in to a room the first thing I did was try to see if I could see any sign of Charlie, but as I was not able to turn my head I could not look around too well so I didn't see him. The creatures took me into a room that didn't look very big and had no light that I could see but it was very bright. Then it (the creature) floated me over to what looked like the centre of the room and laid me on what I took to be a table. I don't know that for sure but I was on about a forty five degree

angle. I didn't feel anything solid underneath me. Then the grey-wrinkled thing left the room. (I didn't see any facial features on it at all). All of a sudden I started hearing a clicking noise when I looked up it was a blue looking square box about the size of a deck of cards with a silver bottom going around me, it just went "click, click, click," about four times. After the 'clicks' a smaller looking being that somehow made me feel safe came in to the room it had a small thin face was also about 5 feet tall with and big brown eyes it was still light grey in colour and was very pleasant looking after seeing the ugly ones. I was thinking I could overpower it but still couldn't move. It was like I had been drugged. This one seemed to look more human-like and the others were more like a machine and mechanical. I then I heard a 'hissing' noise a and the words "don't be afraid" but the lips of this being didn't move. I did however understand what it was thinking. How this was possible I had no idea. I think that somehow this being must have been reading my mind and it knew that I was scared so it tried to reassure me that I wouldn't come to any harm. It was now that something came out of the wall and started circling my body from my head to my toes. All this time I had thought it was just something that the government was experimenting with because the shipyard was so close by. I was just trying to rationalise what the hell was happening to me. Now, this smaller being just left the room and the big ugly one was back. It got hold of my arm and then all of a sudden I floated upwards, turned to the right and was floated back out of the craft, almost to the exact same spot I was originally standing by the river when they first grabbed me expect I was facing the river. I remember I couldn't put my arms down. Then I heard Charlie's voice saying "Calvin, Calvin, are you okay?" Then I started coming to my senses and could move a little. As I turned around I looked up hearing what I call a 'zipping' noise. It was like the sound of a strong wind blowing and it was really quite loud. Then the craft just went straight up and disappeared out of sight.

Still not knowing how long we were in there but it seemed to me to be close to an hour. I was really weak now and could barley stand up, so Charlie said "let's sit down a little while." So we found a place to sit, not really talking much about what happened. I think we were almost in shock. I do remember telling Charlie "Let us not dare tell anyone about this" and he agreed. I felt like this was personal and no one else needed to know. We sat

there for just a little while and then started making our way back to the car. It had been said by some that we took some fish with us back to the car but we didn't, we just took our fishing equipment. As we approached the car I noticed the windows on the passenger side of the car were shattered but still in place and not yet falling out. It didn't look like any other of the car windows was damaged. When Charlie went to open the door the glass fell out. I guess the jarring of opening the door made it do so. But how had the car window been damaged? I couldn't get the car to start. It was a new car and always started really well. Finally, after several attempts to start it, it started running but sounded really rough. I was thinking to myself, I've lost my car and job because I knew I wasn't going to stay on the coast after this. I don't know where Charlie got it but he came out with a bottle of Jim Beam whiskey. So he took a drink and said "Let's go home." On the way home he said we were going to have to tell someone. I told him hell no, we were not going to tell anyone. But instead of going home we drove around a little ended up down town. Charlie asked me to pull over. It was the Mississippi Press building and he said "Let me run in and see what time it is". So I pulled over, not thinking and he runs in. He wasn't in there but a minute or two when he came out and I asked him what time is it and he said "I don't know, there's no clock there". When we left there I just turned left and went back toward Gautier, toward the apartment. I then saw a sign saying ***TIK*** which is a local hang out that serves beer and food, so I pulled the car over and went to the bar and ordered a beer. I started drinking the beer and was trying just to unwind. We sat there for just a few minuets when Charlie said we should go and that he was going to call and tell someone. I asked him not to tell anyone but he said I am going to call Keesler (Keesler Air Force Base) and tell them what has happened. Charlie said to me that if you don't want to say anything I will just tell them that you passed out. Well I didn't want to tell anyone so I let him make the call. We went outside and got in the car and drove to a store on the way back to the apartments. He got out of the car and went to the phone and said he had called Keesler Air Force Base and they told him that they didn't handle UFO reports any more and that they used to and it was something called Project Blue Book, but it had now finished. They advised Charlie to call the local authorities, in this instance that was the Sheriff. Charlie said he was going to call the Sheriff's Department but I told him that would be a mistake. One reason I thought it would be a mistake was because Charlie

had a drink inside him by then and as a result they might not believe what he was saying. Charlie phoned them regardless. They told him to stay where we were and not leave and that they would be there in a few minutes. It took about 10 minutes for them to arrive. When they arrived they walked up to the car and took a good look inside and told me to step out of the car. They did a quick look over just to make sure everything was okay. They talked to Charlie and then told us to follow them to the Sheriff's Office.

I was thinking to myself, now what was going to happen, so they separated me and Charlie and questioned us separately, in different rooms. I thought back to what Charlie had advised, to just tell them you passed out and don't know anything, so I did. Then they put us in a room together and left us alone. Little did I know then that they were recording us. Unbeknown to us they had a secret tape recorder running. We only found out about what has become known as 'The Secret Tape', a long time after. I was just ready to get the hell out of there and get some rest. I was tired from what had happened and from the long hot day at work. The Deputies came back into the room and went into a drawer and got something out and left. By now Fred Diamond, the Sheriff was there listening to the tape recording (we still did not know about this tape). Coming back in they said you do know that if this is a hoax then you're going to spend a lot of time in jail. I told them jail would beat spending time on that river. Not caring what they thought or said I was just ready to go. After listening to the recording they put both of us back in the same room and questioned us again. They were a lot nicer then than before. Something had changed but we had no idea what. I asked them to please not tell anyone because I just knew the problems that would come if this all went public. I just knew. I don't know why they didn't go back out to where this happened and take a look around or have my car checked out and write a police report on it so I could at least clam for the damage on my insurance. But they didn't so the Sheriff said we could go. I guess by now it was around 11:00pm or maybe a little later but I still didn't ask for the time. That was the longest ride back to the apartment that I ever had. Neither Charlie nor I didn't say a word to each other on the way back. I was wondering if he was going to tell his family or not, I knew I wasn't going to tell mine. After getting home I went straight to bed, not that I slept any that night. That was the longest night I ever had. The next morning we

were both up about 4:00am and I figured we would talk on the way to work so his family would not over hear us.

Maybe we were a bit naïve to think that no one would get to know about what had happened but that's what we thought on that way to work the morning after. The Sheriff had assured us that they would not say a word, so as long as we kept our mouth's shut we should be okay. Little did we know how wrong we could be?

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CHAPTER THREE

Charles Hickson's story

Although this is my book it I only right and proper that I detail Charlie's story. After all, Charlie is part of my story and I am part of his. My only regret is that Charlie isn't here today as I think he would have been pleased to see me tell my part of the story. I had thought of writing up Charlie's story myself, but seeing as he was a much better writer than me I asked for permission to use his account as featured in the book he co-wrote with William Mendez '*UFO CONTACT AT PASCAGOULA*'. Permission from the book's publisher was obtained and I reproduce Charlie's account here in full.

THURSDAY: October 11, 1973.

Early autumn evenings on the Mississippi Gulf Coast give us some of the most pleasant weather on this Earth; it seems even more so if one has time to enjoy a favourite sport or hobby. Thursday, October 11, was no exception. The cool gulf wind had begun to move on from the south-east. Everything seemed so peaceful as Calvin and me settled down for a quiet evening of fishing after a long day in the shipyard.

Sitting there in a relaxed position reminded me of my childhood days in Jones County in the South-western part of Mississippi. After walking with my Dad on a well beaten path through the woods for one and a half miles to Tallahala Lake and relaxing there for an evening of fishing, forgetting the one and a half miles to be walked afterwards, the crickets would begin their familiar sound and horn owls would call to one another. There on that lake I

was being taught the fine art of fishing and often the patience one must have to become a good fisherman.

But this particular evening my patience was being worn thin; I had used every trick to persuade the Redfish and Speckled Trout to bite, but to no avail. We then tried a couple more spots up on the river with no luck. I mentioned to Calvin that we would try one more place, an old abandoned shipyard where on many occasions in the past I had caught fish. He readily agreed. On the way we talked about going Bream fishing on a favourite bayou the following Saturday.

My oldest son Eddie, (now a Marine stationed on Okinawa) and Calvin are about the same age and had grown up together in Jones County. Eddie, Calvin, myself and Calvin's father had spent many pleasant hours fishing together when they were young boys. Calvin had mentioned to me earlier that in all the years he and Eddie were growing up together they had never had one single fight; they had always got along good together. Not only was I fishing with a friend, but a very good friend of my Marine. I had no way of knowing, but before that night was over, I would see more terror on that young man's face that I had seen in the five major battles I went through in Korea.

After reaching the old shipyard area I tried all my skill and talent I had learned over the years, but a few trash fish is all that would take the bait and by that time it had become dark. "Charlie, you think we should give up? When you don't catch fish they are just not biting and you know, I'm pretty good myself."

"Let's try a little longer Calvin," I replied. I had just gotten a bite and was reeling in. Just as I suspected, he had gotten my bait. The bait was behind us and as I turned to get some I almost froze with fear.

A zipping sound was all I heard and about sixty or seventy feet away some type of craft was approaching the ground. Calvin had turned by this time and was facing the craft. He glanced my way, desperately searching my face for an explanation. I didn't have one.

I could hardly believe my eyes. What could it be? I couldn't imagine where it could have come from. No engine noise, just a pulsating blue light, or was the light revolving? The craft hovered there about one and a half to two feet from the ground; how could that be? How was it being controlled? It can't be any known aircraft, no noise, not touching the ground, no wings? Was there anyone aboard? All these questions were racing through my mind. The last question would be answered soon.

Hovering there, about thirty feet long, eight or ten feet high, shaped like a football, more blunt at one end with a small dome-like structure on top. Something up toward the top, at one end resembled two windows - fascinating, it seemed to hold me spellbound. "Maybe it will just leave; we can run for the car and get the hell out of here," I thought to myself. But I was also still wondering what was inside. At this point I was frightened, but curious.

I don't believe anyone could have been prepared for what happened next. An opening appeared in the end that was toward us; the blue light had gone out. Looking through the opening the inside seemed to glow. My flesh crawls now when I think about the three beings that appeared through the opening. By the expression on Calvin's face I knew I wasn't seeing this alone. I couldn't control myself; I shook from fear as Calvin screamed.

"Damn it, what do they want? What are they going to do?" I cried. As if to answer my question, they glided out of the opening staying about the same height off the ground as the craft and came for us. If they had a more human likeness it would not have shocked me so. The head seemed to come directly to the shoulders, no neck and something resembling a nose came out to a point about two inches long. On each side of the head, about where ears would be, was something similar to the nose. Directly under the nose was a slit resembling a mouth. The arms were something like human arms, but long in proportion to the body; the hands resembled a mitten, there was a thumb attached. The legs remained together and the feet looked something like elephant's feet. The entire body was wrinkled and had a greyish colour. There could have been eyes, but the area above the nose was so wrinkled that I couldn't tell.

Two of them took hold of my arms, one on each side. Instantly I felt pain in my left arm, but just as quick it was gone, I became helpless; I could not move and had no sensation of feelings. One of them took hold of Calvin; I saw him go limp and found out later he had fainted. As they were taking me aboard the craft I remembered reading on different occasions in the past where people had disappeared or vanished. “Will this happen to us? Will anyone ever know what happened if they take us away? Will this be my last day on earth?” All these things were racing through my mind.

Inside the light was almost blinding, but for some strange reason I couldn’t close my eyes. “Damn it to hell, why don’t they just kill me,” I kept thinking. “They will dredge the river with no bodies they will assume we have drowned and washed out to sea. God help us- where is Calvin, what have they done with him?” Then I saw it; something that resembled a big eye seemed to come out directly from the wall. I tried to close my eyes, but couldn’t. For one instant I thought I felt pain in my left arm again. “What the hell have they done to me? I can’t move.”

The “eye” came closer and stopped about six inches from my face. The end focussed on me was different colour or type of material than the rest of it. I tried again to close my eyes, but some force kept them open. The eye lingered there for a while then started to move down my body and returned to move over my entire body. No pain, no sensation. I remember trying to wiggle my toes, no way! “Why in hell don’t they just stop me from breathing and let my life end here?”

The eye had finished and moved back into the wall. The things had released me and had to be somewhere behind me because I didn’t see then move in front of me. I tried to move again; some force was still there. “Please don’t take me away!” I know I was saying this, but I couldn’t hear my voice. “Calvin, where is Calvin?” But I still couldn’t hear my voice. I was alone for what seemed eternity, but couldn’t have been more than a few minutes. My mind wondered back to a crossroad north of the 38thParallel in North Korea. The enemy had thrown up a roadblock to cut us off from our main unit, but by being calm and keeping our heads we learned the North Koreans a lesson that day, one that many of them didn’t live to remember. “Keep calm, Charlie,” I kept telling myself. “Don’t panic, your time will

come, they can't keep you this way forever." Then I saw them again. They took hold of me the same as before. The opening appeared again and we glided toward it, "Maybe this isn't my day to die." We glided through the opening and moved toward the place they had taken me from. My feet were touching the ground. When they released me I fell when my legs gave away.

"My God, what have they done to him?" Calvin was standing there with his arms outstretched, almost in shock. There was more terror on Calvin's face than I have ever seen on anyone's. I started to crawl toward him, but rose to my feet before I reached him. Just before I reached him I heard the zipping sound again and as I looked around I saw the blue flashing lights and almost instantly the craft was gone. I can recall something raced across my mind. "We are peaceful, we meant you no harm."

"My God, they had been from another world!" I couldn't believe it; I had physical contact with something beyond our Earth-hopefully, without any physical harm. But, oh God, I didn't know at that time how much it would affect me mentally in the days and nights to come. As I reached Calvin I shook him. "No, no, please don't!" he cried. I shook him real hard again; he relaxed and fell to the ground, screaming. It took a few minutes for me to make him realize who I was. Many times I had seen men in shock in Korea. Calvin was on his way, but I think I pulled him out of it.

"Charlie, what are we going to do? What are they? What are they going to do to us?" I assured him they had gone. My flesh began to crawl again. I shook; I couldn't control it for a few minutes. I remembered a night a long time ago, 1952, on the central (area) in North Korea north of the 38thParallel. My company had been called upon to help stop an attack where the North Koreans and Chinese had broken the lines of the First Capital Division of the South Korean Army. "Charlie, what's it like up there?" a replacement recently from the States asked me. I tried to explain to him, but combat is something you have to experience yourself to understand. I saw him scream and cry that night after we helped stop the attack and moved bodies from the battlefield.

“Charlie, were you scared?” he asked me. “Hell yes, I was scared, no man in his right mind can say he wasn’t scared.” But that was normal fear; the enemy was there to kill or be killed.

Tonight was different. Something that had to us from another world, the unknown that is not supposed to exist; there was more than normal fear, there was almost panic, fear I had never known. “Would they come back? What did they do to me?” questions that couldn’t be answered. I had to think of Calvin too and console him. “Charlie, it seemed as if I died and came back to life. Are you sure we are okay?” I assured him again that everything was alright, but not believing it myself. “Calvin we have got to forget this and not tell anyone.”
“I might not tell anyone, but I won’t ever forget it. Did they do anything to you Charlie?” “I don’t think so, what about you?”
“I don’t know, but I do know they almost scared me to death. I’m not sure I’m alive now. ”I shook him again. “The face, Charlie, I couldn’t see any eyes. How can anything see without eyes?”

But the face was so wrinkled I couldn’t really tell if they had eyes. Again Calvin asked me what they could have been. I was wondering if I could live with this the rest of my life without telling anyone, when Calvin spoke up. He had been thinking about the same thing.” Charlie, shouldn’t we tell someone? What if those things come back? At least we could tell the military authorities.”

I considered this and we talked about it for a while, then something inside me said, “You must tell.”
After reaching a pay telephone I rang the operator and asked for Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, about thirty miles west of us. A sleepy sounding woman’s voice answered “Keesler Air Force Base, may I help you?” I calmed myself before I spoke and briefly told her what had happened and that I wanted to talk to someone in authority. She politely informed me that they did not handle those things - I would have to contact the local Sheriff’s Department. My heart sank, “My God!” I thought. “What would happen if we were being invaded?” I hung up the phone and told Calvin the answer. “What the hell are we going to do now, Charlie? Those people at the Sheriff’s Department might think we are crazy.”

We finally decided to call the Sheriff's Department, tell them what happened and ask them to notify the proper authorities and not tell anyone else. But just who the proper authorities might be puzzled me; after all, the Air Force had just turned us down.
I reached for the phone again, put a dime in and dialled the Sheriff's Department. Again, briefly, I told them what had happened. The deputy that answered seemed amused. "Come on over and we will talk about it," he said.
"What the hell, does he think I'm nuts? Just trying to humour me? Come on Calvin, let's go."
Besides being scared as hell I was becoming a little angry - reminded me of a night patrol in Korea, not knowing what was out there or what was going to happen, but come hell or high water, I would see what was going to be the outcome.
"Brace up, Calvin, pull yourself together, we might be laughed at, ridiculed and everything else, but we are damn sure going to tell what happened to us." Calvin was trembling; his eyes seemed to be focused on something far away.
We told our stories separately, over and over for what seemed like a couple of hours. Then they carried (brought) us in a room together and questioned us and left us there alone. We found out later they had a hidden tape recorder in the room. The Sheriff stated the next day that the hidden tape is what finally convinced him we were telling the truth. After being assured by the Sheriff himself that this would not be let out to news-people, we were told we could go home.
I was hoping I could get a couple of hours sleep before going to work the next morning. I didn't know then, but there would be many sleepless nights for me in the next few weeks. On the way home I was wondering if we had made the right decision. Something seemed to tell me we had. One thing was for sure, we had encountered some type of creature and some type of craft from another world on the banks of that quiet and peaceful river. This night would change our lives forever.

FRIDAY:

With no sleep the night before, I went to work Friday morning at the shipyard. On the way I was trying to visualize how the day would go. Could

I keep my mind on the job? After all, I did have responsibility to the company I worked for. After getting my crew of men to work, my mind wandered back to last night. I shuddered, my flesh began to crawl, I began to shake, but very quickly I gained control of myself. But Calvin was not so lucky. I became worried; the shape he was in, everyone could tell he was terrified about something. I was going to get him off by himself and talk to him and see if that would help, but at about that time I was called to the telephone. It was a long-distance call from Jackson, Mississippi. A newsman on the other end introduced himself; I froze for a few seconds, "how in hell did he find out?" I asked myself. I politely told him I had no comment. It seemed then that every telephone in the shipyard was ringing asking for Calvin and me. Fred Diamond, our Sheriff, had not kept his word. I dialled his office and was answered by Fred himself. "Charlie can you and Calvin come over here now? Newspeople have invaded my office; they want to talk to you and Calvin."

"Damn it Fred, you promised us last night that you wouldn't let this out to newspeople-every telephone in the shipyard is ringing from all over the country."
"Charlie, I don't know how it leaked out of this office, but anyway we can't keep a story like this from the world. Can you and Calvin come over now?" I slammed the receiver down and said a few bad words. "What the hell is wrong Charlie?" asked Jim Flynt. Jim is a foreman at the shipyard and personal friend of mine. He and Danny Davis, a welding foreman, had heard my part of the conversation with the Sheriff.
"For one thing Jim, I won't ever trust our Sheriff again. Oh, what the hell, I might as well tell you and Danny; part of the country knows about it now, thanks to Fred Diamond." They both were very understanding as Calvin and I told them what happened to us. Jim can draw quite well; he drew a sketch of the things Calvin and me saw come out of that spacecraft. The phone was ringing again; Oliver Bryant wanted us up in the front office. You don't keep the General Manager waiting.
"Charlie, you and Calvin come on in, sit down and tell us what happened last night." Johnny Walker, the owner of the shipyard, had come in by this time. After telling them our story, we discussed it with them quite thoroughly. Johnny mentioned that we should have legal counsel in a situation like this. We agreed and so Joe Colingo, a well-known attorney in

Pascagoula, was called. Shortly, Joe arrived, we gave him a briefing on what happened and I mentioned that the Sheriff had called and wanted us to come to his office.

We were brought in the back way to the Sheriff's office; the front was surrounded by news-people. After being greeted by Diamond, one of the first things Joe asked was could we take a lie-detector test. Sheriff Diamond replied, "We don't have the equipment here for that and I don't see any use in it, not after that tape last night. We had a tape recorder with them last night that they didn't know about when they were alone." Joe still insisted, but no one seemed interested at that time. "Maybe later," someone said. To the best of my knowledge, Mobile, Alabama, was called, the closet place with equipment for a polygraph test, but they refused - didn't want the publicity.

While everyone was talking about the polygraph test, it occurred to me. "Why in hell can't we be tested for radiation? If we are contaminated, so many people we have come in contact with can also be contaminated." I thought of my family and tears came to my eyes. Immediately after I said this, Detective Tom Huntley and Joe Colingo took us out the rear entrance to an automobile and rushed us to the Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula for a test. But after conferring with a physician there, we were told that they did not have facilities for such a test.

Tom Huntley, who I believe is one of the most able men in law enforcement in Jackson County and probably the state, didn't hesitate; he immediately called Keesler Air Force Base and asked if we could be examined there. "Come on fellows, let's go, they will check you at Keesler," said Tom. On the way there I asked Joe what would happen if our test was positive. "Hell Charlie, I don't know - let's wait and see," he replied. Even though we were driving in excess of the speed limit, I believe that was the longest thirty five miles I have ever ridden. There wasn't much talk. I guess everybody was thinking the same as me, "What the hell can we do if we have been exposed to radiation?"

The M.P.'s at the gate gave us directions to the place where the team was waiting. We were in a military installation now where precautions were being taken. Everyone was being kept away except the personnel that were going to examine us and they had precautionary clothing to keep out radiation. I don't think I have ever been more relieved in my entire life as I was when the test proved negative; no sign of radiation. I felt a surge of

strength when I realized I had not contaminated anyone with radiation. After the test was behind us, we asked for and were granted a conference with “Intelligence” at Keesler. Once again, we told what happened to us. I honestly believe that they believed our story, but orders from Washington said, “Hands off.” On the way back to Pascagoula my mind wandered back to last night and that terrible ordeal: “Why did it have to happen to me?”

SATURDAY:

Jenny Walker’s office at the shipyard seemed to have been set up as a central point; we would meet there with Harder and Hynek. Dr James Harder, a professor at the University of California and also associated with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at North-western University, were flying in to investigate and talk with Calvin and me.

We arrived before the scientists and were confronted by TV and news-people who were demanding pictures and a story. “What the hell, we might as well go ahead; they will hound us until we do.” Johnny didn’t get much work done that Saturday morning. Most everyone was watching the excitement; cameras rolled and pens were running out of ink, until Dr Harder arrived. What a relief. All these news-people wanted was a story, it would be different with these scientists. They were concerned and maybe could help shed some light on what happened to us.

After introductions, Dr. Harder got right to the point. He wanted to hear what happened to us. We began to fill him in. At some points he would interrupt to ask a question. Some we could answer and some we couldn’t. Finally, he said Dr. Hynek would arrive about two in the afternoon, that he would like to wait until then and talk with us under a hypnotic state. “Pick my mind? No way! Ain’t no damn body gonna pick my mind.” Charlie and Calvin were shaking again. Dr. Hynek wouldn’t arrive for a couple of hours; we would meet back there at two o’clock and talk about it then. There was so much excitement, everyone wanted to talk to us - it was a nightmare.

“Let’s go home and have lunch, Calvin.” Blanche had a very good meal prepared. Curt and Tisha, my youngest son and daughter, seemed to sense

that something unusual was wrong with Daddy and were very quiet and understanding. I truly enjoyed that meal, the first one since Thursday, there with that peace and quiet that only a loving family can give at a time like that. But it was short lived. Two o'clock was approaching, time to get back to Johnny's office and meet Dr. Hynek. We didn't speak a dozen words on the way back. I kept wondering what effect it would have on me, if any, to be hypnotized.

I will never forget the impression I had when I met Dr. Hynek, a brilliant man in his profession. But I kept thinking to myself, "They are crazy as hell if they think they are going to pick my mind." It wasn't brought up at that point, but I knew it would come up later. The story again, the questions again, for what seemed like hours.

"The eye, what did the eye look like? Describe it for me. Any gauges or instruments inside the craft? What did they look like? Describe the craft again. What kind of noise did it make? Did the things talk? Did they harm you in any way? How long were you inside?" Questions, questions. Some I could answer, some I couldn't. Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek decided hypnosis would do the trick and so began to explain to us why they wanted to do this. They also assured us that if it became too terrifying we would be snapped out of it. We still weren't convinced.

The noise outside the room was picking up; national news-people, local news-people, shipyard employees and other concerned people. Dr. Harder opened the door and asked for complete silence. If it hadn't been for the carpet, I believe I could have heard a pin drop. I had mentioned to Dr. Harder earlier that my head had been hurting constantly since Thursday night, probably because of the fright, no sleep and the terrible strain I had been under. "I think I can help you, Charlie - your headache-and probably help you get a good night's sleep."

I relaxed myself on the couch and shortly, with Dr. Harder's suggestions, I was in a state of the most happy and relaxed feeling I have ever had. I was back there with the craft landing and those things coming out. I believe now hypnotism could shed a lot more light, but two days after! – My God, I couldn't stand it. I'm human too; I can only take so much. He brought me back; someone dried my eyes. Fear shows on everyone someway; tears

come to my eyes when I'm terrified. I remembered a time before the Chong Pay-ee Valley in Korea. We had dug-in in a chestnut grove preparing for an attack. There were tears in my eyes that night as all hell tore loose, but that had been a long time ago, ten thousand miles away.

I went out of the room. Calvin was next. I felt for him. "Oh God, please don't let them take him back to Thursday night," but I knew that was their intention. "Charlie, you want some coffee?" Fred Diamond, Tom Huntley and Captain Willis were in the kitchen by the coffee pot. "Yeah, make it black." I tried to make conversation with them to get my mind off Calvin and what they were doing to him. After a while someone came to the door and said they were through with him. That had to bring him out of it; he couldn't stand it any longer. Calvin came out and found me. I think we were both shaking. "Come on boys, let's go in my office." Captain Willis knew we had to get away for a few minutes.

In Captain Willis's office I met Ralph Blum, who since has written a book with his wife Judy (*Beyond Earth: man's Encounter with UFOs*). Because they are sincere and are searching for the truth, Ralph and Judy have become very good friends of mine. Ralph at that time was working for NBC and had come down from New York with Dr. Hynek. I heard someone say Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek were having a news conference; the world will soon know. Calvin seemed to be staring again at something far away. I was thinking about my family; "What will this do to them? Something that I don't even understand and I know they can't understand it. What about my Marine in Okinawa? How will he take it?" Then I thought, "He's my flesh and blood, it will frighten him, but it won't shake him up as long as he knows that Dad is okay." Right then I wanted to see him more than anything else, but I knew that was impossible.

"They are not unbalanced people," said Dr. Hynek, "they're not crackpots." "There was something here that was not terrestrial," said Dr. Harder. "Where they come from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," he continued, "but the fact that they are here (on this planet) is true beyond a reasonable doubt." Well, there it was, the newspeople had their story. The news conference was over. Dr. Hynek came into Captain Willis's office and asked if Calvin and me would like to have dinner with him and Dr. Harder -

seafood at the Wayside Inn, a well-known restaurant a few miles out of townand later we would talk some more. I declined the offer simply because I was not hungry, Calvin did likewise. We would wait there for their return, even though we were both worn out.

They had only been gone a short while when the telephone rang. It was Curt, my little boy. “Dad, you should come on home, Mother is real upset.” There was worry in his voice. “Don’t worry son, I will be there in just a few minutes.” I asked Captain Willis to apologize to Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek for me. We could see them tomorrow; my family means more to me than anything. “Don’t worry Charlie, you go on home, everything here will be taken care of,” said Captain Willis. We crossed the West River Bridge and headed for Gautier. “Charlie, I wished they would have killed me; I can’t take much more of this,” said Calvin. I barely heard him, I was thinking of my family. Brenda, my stepdaughter, only a tiny thing when Blanche and me married, has always been like a real daughter to me. She and Wayne (her husband) live in Vicksburg, Mississippi. I knew they must be wondering about me.

I thought again of Eddie, my eldest son, a Marine now for over a year; he would read about it in a newspaper and see it on TV before my letter would reach him and he would be real concerned until he heard from me personally that I was okay. Sheila, our second daughter, who had been married only a short time back, had been frightened now, if Blanche was real upset. Such a wonderful family God had blessed me with. I thought for a minute how much I loved them and how much they all returned that love. Somehow, then, I knew I would overcome this ordeal because I had the strength and love of my family to rely on. Tomorrow would be another day. I wouldn’t worry about it; I would just simply take it as it came. As Dr. Harder had promised, my headache had gone and I slept fairly well that night.

SUNDAY:

I could smell the aroma of Luzianne coffee when I awoke. Blanche had awakened earlier and had breakfast ready. “How do you feel, honey?” she asked. I told her my headache had gone and I had slept fairly well and felt much better. I reached for the newspaper and there it was: *Scientists Term*

Pascagoula UFO Report As True, pictures of Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek on the front page and the statements they had made to the press. I had heard some of it the night before as they were holding their news conference. Now the paper was printing it for everyone to read:

"Dr Hynek said there were 1,042 cases reported last year of various sorts, some of them included incredible tales. Both doctors agreed that the government has been derelict in not keeping up with UFO investigations. They said the Air Force's Blue Book operation was not totally effective, but they maintained that it also helped soothe people's nerves and prevented an out-break of mass hysteria, such as the one created by Orson Welles' broadcast in the 1930's. Dr Harder said others have been subjected to constant ridicule, such as, "What were you drinking when you saw the UFO?" and "Have you seen any more UFOs lately?" Both scientists stressed the point that Hickson and Parker were telling the truth, that they did not make up the story and that they did not suffer from hallucinations. Both men are completely solid and honest, said Dr Hynek. They are not unbalanced people. He said the two displayed feelings of terror under hypnosis that would be virtually impossible to fake. He said the two men have been through a very terrifying experience."

Calvin came in about that time. We commented on the paper and were having breakfast together when a knock sounded on the door, it was Dr. Harder. He had come by to talk with us again before flying back to California. We had moved to the living room and were all having coffee. Later Dr. Harder put Calvin under hypnosis again, but he had to bring him out of it. It was frightening to me to watch when the terror came back to Calvin. "Charlie, if anyone doesn't believe you and Calvin, they are a damn fool and you may quote me on any news media in the country." Dr. Harder was very sincere in making that statement. Here was a dedicated man, along with a lot more scientists, who will, I believe, in the near future, prove to everyone that other worlds and other beings do exist. Dr. Harder had an airplane to catch, so after handshakes and goodbyes, he was gone. Being Sunday I was hoping to get some rest before work the next day, but friends were already stopping by. No relaxing today.

MONDAY:

I was truly hoping Monday morning that everything would be back to normal. To be able to put in a good day's work at the shipyard without taking to news-people and answering telephones would settle my nerves a little. Calvin and me both were still shook up pretty bad. Upon reaching the shipyard and honestly trying to get back into the routine of our work, we found it impossible to do: too many telephone calls and too many visitors, not only distracting us, but the entire shipyard. We were told by management that we could take a few weeks off from work, to get away from it all. I wondered what we would do for an income in the next few weeks, but there wasn't much choice, we would try to get away from it all for a while. What we didn't know then was that we couldn't get away. Too many people were concerned. The next few weeks were a nightmare: they came from all parts of the country.

Tommy Blann, deputy director of The International UFO Bureau of Okalahoma City, Oklahoma, along with his wife, came to my home and spent several hours with us discussing the ordeal. News-people were continuously at our door demanding a story. But Calvin and me weren't the only ones catching hell. Murphy Givens, a reporter for the Mississippi Times, a local newspaper, commented:

"If you happen to make the mistake of asking the Sheriff's office if they've had any UFO reports lately, you're likely to get an incredulous look. About the same kind of look of the man who had just bought a Holstein cow and was told to enter her in a horse race. Many of the curiosity seekers, freelance writers, magazine reporters, etc., have literally kept the Sheriff's office up a tree."

Two women in their middle years, one of whom could barely talk, made the long trip here from Connecticut to ask Calvin and me some questions. One of the women was a good friend of Betty Hill, the widow of Barney Hill, the couple that reported they had been taken aboard a UFO thirteen years ago. "She (Betty Hill) had tears in her eyes when we left," one of the women explained, adding that the Hill's experience had ruined their lives and Mrs hill hoped that someway, somehow, the incident here would help prove their story. Since that meeting, I have received letters from Mrs. Hill

and I am hoping in the future I might meet her and discuss the two happenings personally.

The Air Force was having its problems too. Judy Johnson of the Mississippi Press reported on October 18:
"We are out of the UFO business and have been since 1969. The Air Force has not, is not now and does not plan to be investigating the UFO reports." That statement issued today by Col, James Howell of the Public Information Office at Keesler Air Force base in Biloxi, sums up the Air Force's general attitude toward recent reports of sightings of unidentified objects. Officials at both Keesler and Elgin Air Force Base in Florida declined to speculate on whether Gulf Coast citizens were in any potential danger. "Whenever we receive reports of UFOs, we refer the people to their local law enforcement agencies, if they feel threatened," Lt. Iris Galen of Elgin Public Information office said. "If they want a scientific investigation conducted, we refer them to their nearest university. The Air Force is simply out of the UFO business."
These statements made me very angry. The billions of dollars our government is spending to reach out and explore other worlds and they even sent a probe into the universe with symbols to inform other beings about Earth - yet they discount UFO sightings. It doesn't make sense to me, but I suppose, they have reasons for this. The entire Gulf Coast was in an uproar. In every newspaper I picked up, there was a story about Calvin and me and reports of other sightings. Ministers began speaking in the local churches about UFOs and their interpretations of what the Bible says about them. One preacher made a record from clippings he read in the newspaper and TV broadcasts. On the other side, he preached a sermon, saying they were demons. God help his soul and the souls he has lead to believe this. He even came to my home, wanting me to endorse this, which I declined. I could see the dollar signs in his eyes.
Many people were trying and some succeeding in making small fortunes on this ordeal Calvin and me went through. It made me sick to the stomach. I honestly believe when Jesus Christ comes back to this Earth some of these vultures will be there trying to make a buck. The days and nights seemed to get longer in the weeks following as I struggled to keep my mind together - nightmares when I did sleep. It was constantly on my mind. My family played a big part in keeping me from cracking up under the constant strain.

Calvin had gone back to Jones County one weekend to visit his family. While there he had a nervous breakdown and was hospitalized for a while. He truly had to get away from it all. He remained in Jones County and refused to talk to any news media and didn't return to Pascagoula for a long while and then just to visit.
My livelihood was here being a shipbuilder and with a family to support, after a few weeks off, I went back to my position in the shipyard, but there still was no rest from the reporters, either in person or on the telephone. Then the question arose through the news media; would I consent to a polygraph test? I agreed. It was given in the presence of our local Sheriff and chief deputy. The machine said I was telling the truth. This only caused more reporters, more telephone calls and more letters.
No one will ever know, except Charles Hickson, the terrible strain I was under. But the many concerned people helped ease that strain with letters I received, for which I will always be grateful. There is still love and concern for fellow beings on this planet and always will be as long as we exist. That is the testimony of my old buddy Charles Hickson. You can tell that he had a better education than me and he sure can write better. That's another reason why I didn't want to re-write his account myself as I didn't want to mess it up. I had a great deal of respect for Charlie as did everyone that knew him. He was a hard working honest man and was as tough as old boots. He served his country in the army during the Korean War and he was both my boss and my friend. And like me Charlie loved to fish. Charlie was always protective of me and I wish he was still here with us. I'm still in contact with some of Charlie's family and we all miss him a great deal. God bless Charles Hickson.
****** CHAPTER FOUR

Ralph Blum's Book

I understand that our story has appeared in a number of books. This is an extract from Ralph Blum's book. You can see again that when we first spoke to the Sheriff's Department Charlie did most of the talking and when you read the transcript from the secret tape it is easy to see how scared I was. Here is the extract from the book:

By Sunday night the news people had left Pascagoula. Dr. Hynek was on his way back to Chicago, Dr. Harder to Berkeley. By then, the entire country knew what had happened to Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker.

It was a strange moment to be in Pascagoula - like arriving on the scene right after a disaster. People compared it with the time Hurricane Camile struck the coast. Toughminded Sheriffs needed to talk about what had happened. Maybe a week later, when things had returned to normal, I wouldn't have been invited to the Sheriff's office to hear and record the taped interview made barely three hours after Calvin and Charlie saw the flashing blue light. It was the first time in any major UFO encounter that the witnesses' testimony was recorded so swiftly and on tape.
I tried to imagine Charlie and Calvin's feelings as they told their story. I had seen their condition: two men on the borderline of collapse who had been through an experience for which nothing on earth could have prepared them.
The interview was conducted by Sheriff Fred Diamond and Captain Glen Ryder at approximately eleven o'clock Thursday evening. It began with Charlie's voice saying: Even though I'll be the laughing stock of the country, I'll tell what I seen and the experience I've had...
“What did you say your name was?”
“Charles Hickson. H-i-c-k-s-o-n. Even though they laugh me out of Jackson County, I'll do what I know is right. That's all I can do. And I don't expect anybody to believe it. It's just unbelievable.”
There was a weight in Charlie's voice. As though he was having to push the words up, heave them out.

We just have to know what happened. What happened to y'all from the very beginning.
“Well, this'll be the third time.”
“We just want to make sure. To hear your story. That's what convinced us”.”
“OK. OK. Calvin and me, this boy - he works with me - we went down below the grain elevator along the river. We caught a few hardheads down there, a couple of croakers, not much. So I said to Calvin, son, let's go up by the old ***Schaupeter*** Shipyard. I've caught redfish in there and speckled trout-.”
“Is he your son?”

“No, no. He's just a friend. He's from Jones County. That's where I'm reared from. I've got a farm and a home up there. Well, so we went over there to try a little while. We set there fishing. I don't know how - I guess we must've seen the thing the same time. It's a blue light. It circled a bit-.”
“How high was it?”
“You couldn't hardly tell. It wasn't too close. But it wasn't now two-three miles away. It was pretty close.”
“And a *blue* light -you're surprised when you look in the sky and you see a blue light. It really calls your attention to it. Then in just a little while, it come right down above the bayou. You know, about two- three feet above the ground.”
“How close was it?”
“”Twenty-five, thirty yards. But it might have been thirty-five, forty yards. You see something like that, it scare you to *death!* And I couldn't believe it. I started to head for the river-.
“Was there a noise to it?”
“A little buzzin' sound-nnnnnnnn, nnnnnnnn-just like that, that's all. Wasn't any back blast or anything. And, you think you *dreamin'* about something like that, you know. And I started to hit the river, man. And Calvin just - he went hysterical.
“What's Calvin's last name?”
“It's Parker. Calvin Parker, Junior. He's got his father's name.”

Charlie paused a moment, then went on:
“So we was right on the river. It didn't hit the ground. It hovered. And all of a sudden
right in the end of it - this opening was laid up there and three of them just floated out of
the thing. They wasn't on no ground.”
“They didn't have feet?”
“No, they didn't have toes. But they had feet *shape...* It was more or less just a round like
thing on a leg - if you'd call it a leg... I was scared to *death.* And me with a spinnin' reel
out there-it's all I had. I couldn't - well, I was so scared - well, you can't imagine. Calvin
done went hysterical on me.-”

“Then what happened? They walk on up to you?”
“They just - no, they just glided up there to me. Then one of 'em made a little buzzing'
noise and two of 'em never made no noise.”
“What kind of noise?”
“Just ZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZZ.”
“It sounded like a machine?”
“Yeah, like that. It might have been contactin' the others. See, I don't know. By then I
was so damn scared I didn't know anything. And two of 'em just floated around behind
me and lifted me off the ground.”
“By your arms?”
“By my arms. With their pincher things. They must of done something. I just raised off
the ground.”
“They didn't use no force though?”
“No force. They didn't hurt me. I didn't feel nothin'”.
“How was your buddy doin' then?”
“He just passed out on me. And they glided me into that thing. You know, how you just
guide somebody. All of us moved like we were floatin' through air. When I got in there,
they had me, you know, they just kind of had me there. There were no seats, no chair,
they just moved me around. I couldn't resist them, I just floated - felt no sensation, no
pain. They kept me in that position a little while, then they'd raise me back up.”
“You said they had some kind of instrument on you, didn't you?”
“Some kind of instrument I don't know what it was. I didn't see anything that I could *call* an instrument that I've ever seen before”.
“What did it look like? Could you describe it?”
“I just couldn't describe it.”
“Was it like an X-ray machine?”
“No it wasn't like no X-ray machine. There ain't no way to describe it. It looked like an *eye.* Like a *big* eye. It had some kind of an attachment to it. It

moved. It looked like a *big* eye. And it went all over my body. Up and down. And then they left me." "They left you inside the machine?"
"Left me right by myself. And the position they had me in - I couldn't move. Just my eyes could move. And I don't know how long they left me. I don't even know if I stayed conscious but I think I did. And then they came back."
"How long did they leave you?"
"I don't know. I never wear no watch."
"How long would you say?"
"I'd say twenty to thirty minutes. Then, when they came back, they laid me back over again."
"You didn't try to talk to 'em, ask 'em what was going on?"
"Yes--I did! But I'd get a buzzin' sound out of one of 'em. That's all. They didn't pay me no attention, my talkin' or anything."
"How many eyes did they have?"
"There could have been eyes but I didn't see any. But there was something that came straight out more or less where a nose would be on a human being's face." "They have any hair?"
"I don't know. I just swear I don't know. That's blank in my mind."
"You looked at 'em didn't you? Did they breathe?"
"I swear I don't know".
"How tall were they?"
"They were about five feet tall".
"They didn't have no kind of clothes on or nothing?"
"Not so's I noticed!
"And you can't tell me what color they was?"
"Man, you scared as I was -."
"Was they white-looking? Pale? Blue? Green?"
"Best I remember, they looked pale like to me-"
"Wrinkled skin?"
"It might have been. It looked kind of like a skin fit. They might've had something on, they might not've. I don't know."
"You say below the nose there was an opening?"
"Like a slit-and I never saw that openin' move. And they had something on each side of the head that resembled ears, but didn't look like ears that we know. And the head-I didn't see any neck. It looked like it just sit there on a body."

“Was this right after dark?”
“It wasn't too long after dark.”
“Well, why you waiting' till this time of night to call us?”
“Well, Mr. Fred, when I got out of there, I knowed nobody wouldn't believe me. I went by the *Mississippi Press,* beat on the door. This colored guy was sittin' at the desk. I said I wanted to see a reporter. He said there won't be no reporter till morning. I thought about it again. If I call the sheriff's department *they* won't believe me. If I call the police department *they* won't believe me -”
“Well, how'd you know unless you tried?”
“Well, I apologize for that. That's my thinking.”
“How much did you have to drink?”
“I hadn't drank anything, but in the forty-five minutes to an hour before I called you all, I did drink! I had to settle my nerves. I just about went *crazy.* And I gotta get back and let my wife know. She's probably hysterical now.”
“Your wife's all right. You remember leaving?”
“Leavin' where?”
“The ship. When they put you out.”
“The only thing I remember is that kid, Calvin, just standing there. I've never seen that sort of fear on a man's face as I saw on Calvin's. It took me a while to get him back to his senses and the first thing I told him was, Son, ain't nobody gonna believe this. Let's just keep this whole thing to ourselves. Well, the more I thought about it, the more I thought I had to let some officials know.”
“What they do after they let you go?”
“There was a buzzing' sound and it was *gone.”*
“Can you describe the vehicle?”
“Yes, I can. It was about eight feet tall. It wasn't round. It was oblong, sort of oblong and the opening it had was at one end of it. The only lights I seen on the outside was that blue light.”
“Inside, what lights they have?”
“I didn't see no bulbs or anything. It just glowed light. But it was real bright.” Charlie told how he's tried to call Keesler Air Force Base and how they told him to call
the sheriff. There were a few more questions and the interview was over. Sheriff Diamond asked Charlie to come back in the morning to make a complete

statement. Charlie said he didn't want any publicity and he didn't want to get his family
upset. Then Diamond and Captain Ryder went out and left the two men alone in the room
with the tape recorder still running.
Charlie's voice was shaky as he said to Calvin: "I can't take much more of that" And
Calvin sounded frantic.

CALVIN: I got to get home and get to bed or get some nerve pills or see the doctor or something. I can't stand it. I'm about to go half crazy.
CHARLIE: I tell you, when we through, I'll get you something to settle you down so you can get some damn sleep.
CALVIN: I can't sleep yet like it is. I'm just damn near crazy.
CHARLIE: Well, Calvin, when they brought you out - when they brought me out of that thing, *goddamn* it I like to never in hell got you straightened out.
His voice rising, Calvin said, "My damn arms, my arms, I remember they just froze up and I couldn't move. Just like I stepped on a damn rattlesnake."
"They didn't do me that way," sighed Charlie.
Now both men were talking as if to themselves.
CALVIN: I passed out. I expect I never passed out in my whole life.
CHARLIE: I've never seen nothin' like that before in my life. You can't make people believe.
CALVIN: I don't want to keep sittin' here. I want to see a doctor
CHARLIE: They better wake up and start believin'... they better start believin'.
CALVIN: You see how that damn door come right up?
CHARLIE: I don't know how it opened, son. I don't know.
CALVIN: It just laid up and just like that those son' bitches - just like that they come out.
CHARLIE: I know. You can't believe it. You can't make people believe it.
CALVIN: I paralyzed right then. I couldn't move.

CHARLIE : They won't believe it. They gonna believe it one of these days. Might be too late. I knew all along they was people from other worlds up there. I knew all along. I never thought it would happen to me.

CALVIN: You know yourself I don't drink' .

CHARLIE : I know that, son. When I get to the house I'm gonna get me another drink, make me sleep. Look, what we sittin' around for. I gotta go tell Blanche... what we waitin' for?

CALVIN (panicky): I gotta go to the house. I'm gettin' sick. I gotta get out of here. Then Charlie got up and left the room and Calvin was alone.
CALVIN: It's hard to believe . . . Oh God, it's awful... I know there's a God up there.
His words, as he prayed, became inaudible.

The Pascagoula case is not unique. As Dr. Hynek has pointed out, people around the world have, for years, been experiencing "close encounters" with bizarre craft and, in many cases, contact with "occupants."

But this was the first time I had seen for myself the profoundly disturbing effect of a UFO encounter on two ordinary human beings. It was impossible to be with Charlie and Calvin - or listen to that tape - and not believe that something terrifying had happened to them.

And yet what happened in Pascagoula seems to be part of a mystery that is at least as old as man himself.
SOURCE: BEYOND EARTH: Man's Contact With UFOs, Ralph & Judy Blum, 29-36
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CHAPTER FIVE
The secret tape

The famous secret tape has frequently been cited as proof that Charlie and me were not lying, that we truly believed we had been abducted by extra-terrestrial creatures. It has been reported that we were placed in a cell that night which contained a hidden microphone and that our conversation was monitored. Actually, Charlie and me were never placed in a cell, but were questioned in various rooms at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. We told our story at least twice that night before it occurred to the Sheriff and his deputies to secretly record our testimony. While I was being questioned by one of the deputies, Charlie was taken to Detective Thomas

Huntley's office, a small room furnished with a few chairs, table and a desk in which the tape recorder was permanently concealed. This was not the first time the 'bugged' office had been used at the Sheriff's Department to record a witnesses testimony.

The secret tape begins with a deputy asking Charlie to tell his story again. "Well, this will be the third time!" Charlie replied. The request was repeated and Charlie began to relate the events of the evening leading up to the abduction. At the completion of his story, which took about half-an-hour, the Sheriff promised Charlie that he could soon go home. At that point, Charlie's interrogators excused themselves on the pretext of getting coffee and Charlie was offered a cup, but declined. As the men left the office I was brought in and left alone with Charlie. The door to the office was closed, the tape recorder left in operation, hidden in one of the desk drawers. We were alone for about five minutes. The following is a verbatim transcript of the secret tape covering that five minute period.

CHARLIE:
Calvin, you okay. hoss? Tellya, I'm scared to death.

CHARLIE:
We need to get over there and let me tell Blanche she - I'm telling you man, that's something that'll scare you damn near to death, you know? Jesus Christ!

CALVIN:
You hear about something like that, but you can't believe it.
CHARLIE:
Yeah, you hear about it, I know, Calvin, I know, but
CALVIN:
Reckon it's something the United States would have up there?
CHARLIE:
No, no, it just couldn't be.
CALVIN:
I don't know

CHARLIE:
Not what we seen though, not what we seen - it's something and the Air

Force and all I know it's up there too, see - and this ain't gonna be the only time, it's gonna happen again. And until, they

CALVIN:
This evening' I like to had a heart attack tonight, I ain't shittin' ya.
CHARLIE: I know.
CALVIN:
I came damn near to dyin'.
CHARLIE:
I know, it scared me to death too, son.
CALVIN:
I'm just damn near crying right now - I can't
CHARLIE:
I know - it's something you just can't get over in a lifetime, see - Jesus Christ!
CALVIN:
What's so damn bad about it, won't nobody believe it!

CHARLIE:
I thought I had been through enough of hell on this Earth and now I had to go through something like this, see. But they could've, you know, I guess they - well, they could've done anything to us - they didn't hurt me.

CALVIN:
Reckon why they just picked us up?

CHARLIE:
I don't know, I don't know. I'm telling you man, I can't take much more of that. I got to get home, get to bed or get some nerve pills or something, see the doctor or something. I can't stand it. I'm about to go all to pieces.

CHARLIE:
I tell you, when we get through, I'll get you something to settle you down so you can get some damn sleep.

CALVIN:
I can't sleep yet like it is - I'm just damn near crazy.

CHARLIE:
Well, Calvin, when they brought you out of that damn thing - when they brought me out, well, I like to never in hell, you know, goddamn! I like to never in hell get you straightened out, man!

CALVIN:
My damn arms, I remember - my arms they just froze, just like that and I couldn't move, just like I stepped on a damn rattlesnake!

CHARLIE:
They didn't uh, they didn't do that way though, they - oh boy!

CALVIN:
I passed out, I passed out, that's the first time I ever passed out in my life. (Inaudible)…and it is.

CHARLIE:
I've never seen nothin' like that before in my life. It's something-you can't make people believe in that though
I don't give a shit whether they believe it or not, cause I know

CHARLIE:
They'd better wake up and start believing.
CALVIN:
You're damn right.
CHARLIE:
They'd better wake up and start believing.
CALVIN:
You're damn right.
CHARLIE:
(For the third time.) They'd better wake up and start believin'

CALVIN:
'Cause I seen 'em. I can't figure out the damn thing - did you see how that door come right open in front of us all of a sudden?

CHARLIE:
Yeah, I don't know how it opened, son. I don't

CALVIN:
I didn't see no swing or…
CHARLIE:
I don't know how it opened - I don't know how it opened I didn't see it open. All I seen was this here zzzzzip
CHARLIE:
Have you ever seen something

CALVIN:
Then looked around - then damn blue lights and them sons-a-bitches was just - just like they come out.

CHARLIE:
I know, you can't believe it and you can't make people believe it.
CALVIN:
I paralyzed right there, I couldn't move.

CHARLIE:
They're gonna believe it one of these days. They're gonna believe it one of these days. It might be too late. I knew all along they was - they was people from other worlds up there, I knew all along. I never thought it would happen to me.

CALVIN:
You know yourself, I don't drink.
CHARLIE:
I know, I know that.

CALVIN:
We're going to be accused of being a damn dope-head and everything else-cause I know I ain't!

CHARLIE:
Any very little I drink - and I drank some a while ago when I got out of the damn thing, to settle my nerves.
CALVIN: (Inaudible.)

CHARLIE:

And I'll probably take me a couple of drinks when I get to the house and make me sleep.

CALVIN:
I'll tell you something, if I thought it would help my nerves I'd go drink something right now.

CHARLIE:
When I get to the house I'm gonna get me another drink and make me sleep cause I - I can't

CALVIN:
I can't - it's somethin'- I won't never forget it .

CHARLIE:
Look! What are we waiting for on? I got to go tell Blanche - Why did they say we had to wait?

CALVIN:
Uh - I got to go to the house. I am done sitting here getting so damn sick right now, I ain't shittin' ya. I got to go to the house.

CHARLIE:
Wait a minute; let me go talk to 'em. (Charlie leaves the office.) (Calvin is alone now.) Yeah, it's just hard to believe. (Pause.) For it to happen on the Pascagoula River. Talk about strange things. I know there's a God up there - (Inaudible). Perhaps Calvin says, "I'm not going to ask why."

His voice fading to a bare whisper, "Why did it have to happen to me?" (The Sheriff's deputies enter the office at this point.). The original recording of this conversation was made on one-quarter inch reel tape: it is kept I believe at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Pascagoula, Mississippi. This tape is available to persons doing research in the UFO field.

The secret tape is strong evidence that Charlie and I weren't lying, that something did indeed happen on the west bank of the Pascagoula River that October night. Listening to the tape is even more convincing, if that is

possible, than reading a transcription of it. You can hear Charlie and me talking in that office, sometimes both at the same time, speaking not so much to communicate with each other, but to reassure one another and ourselves. It is plain to see that we have been through a traumatic event.

Our anxiety and confusion is revealed by the tone of our voices and the rapidity of our speech, things which are almost impossible to transcribe. I was, in particular, on the brink of hysteria.

"I'm just damn near crying right now - I can't - I can't stand it. I'm about to go all to pieces….I'm just damn near crazy…Uh - I got to go to the house, I (inaudible) I'm getting' scared right now, I ain't shittin' ya,. I got to go to the house."

At this point and at the risk of repeating things, I would like to include an extract from the Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) file of the Pascagoula case. I would like to thank Jan Harzan, the Executive Director of MUFON for supplying us with the whole file. Names in the file have been redacted by MUFON as is their policy and not by the author. Other items from the MUFON file will be featured elsewhere in this book as a great deal of it was magazine and newspaper cuttings. Here I reproduce a section from the MUFON file that deals specifically with the '***secret tape***' and again I apologise if certain things have been duplicated but I felt it necessary use this material so as I could not have been accused of hiding anything.

MUFON FILE – THE SECRET TAPE

MS
US10'2 - 1973

TRANSCRIPT

[redacted], [redacted] TAPES

PASCAGOULA, MISS. 10-11-1973

(SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

SECOND WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT BY

[redacted] M.U.F.O.N. STATE

SECTION DIRECTOR SW. MO.

[redacted] 19 AND [redacted] 42 WERE TAKEN ABOARD A UFO FROM A FISHING PIER AT PASCAGOULA MISSISSIPPI. THEN INTERVIEWED BY [redacted] THE COUNTY SHERIFF. THEN LEFT ALONE IN A ROOM BY THEMSELVES AND A HIDDEN TAPE RECORDER FOR A PERIOD. THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED TRANSCRIPT OF THE CONVERSATION THE TWO MEN HAD BETWEEN THEMSELVES.THEY WERE SHOWN TO THE COFFEE ROOM. CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO MEN IS AS FOLLOWS:

C.P. "DO YOU RECKON THERE IS ANYTHING IT WOULDN'T BE THE U.S. THAT WOULD HAVE ANYTHING THAT LOOKED LIKE THAT...WOULD THEY?" UNINTELIGIBLE.. "DID THEY HAVE ANY HAIR?"

C.H. "ALL I REMEMBER IS A BLUR KINDA LIKE ON THEIR FACE I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER THEIR HANDS THEIR FACE WAS JUST LIKE A GOST OR SOMETHING BLURED. JUST LIKE YOU LOOKED THROUGH THAT WALL RIGHT THERE AND SEE A GHOST OR SOMETHING COME THROUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I WAS SO SCARED OR WHAT IT WAS JUST BLURED."

C.H. "LET ME GET AROUND AND TELL HANCH I AIN'T CHEATEN AND I TELL YOU MAN YOU SOUND DAMN BAD, JESUS CHRIST." "THAT'S A FACT, THAT'S SOMETHIN; YA KNOW." "THAT'S SOMETHIN SCARE YA PLUM DOWN TO DEATH, YA KNOW...JESUS CHRIST."

C.P. "YOU HEAR ABOUT SOMETHIN LIKE THAT, BUT YA CAN'T BELIEVE IT."

C.H. "YOU HEAR ABOUT IT....I KNOW, CAL...I KNOW."

C.P. RRECKON IT'S SOMETHIN THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE UP THERE"

C.H. "NO.....NO..... AND IT COULDN'T BE..."

" I REALLY... I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT....."

"NOT LIKE WHAT WE SEEN, THOUGH...NOT LIKE WHAT WE SEEN..IT'S SOMETHIN,...AND THE AIR FORCE AND ALL KNOWS IT'S UP THER TO SEE..."

C.H. "THIS AIN'T GOING TO BE THE ONLY TIME,.. IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN".

"UNTIL THEY....."

C.P. "I AIN'T SHITTIN.. IT SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME TONIGHT..I AIN'T SHITTIN' YA".

C.H. "I KNOW,..I KNOW." (C.P.).."I CAN'T HARDLY TAKE IT"

C.P. " I CUSE DAMN ALMOST DYING..."

C.H. " I KNOW,..IT SCARED ME TO DEATH TOO, SON"

C.P. " I'M JUST....I'M JUST DAMN NEAR CRYIN' RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T TAKE IT".

C.H. " I KNOW, BABY,... IT'S SOMETHIN YOU CAN'T GET OVER IT IN A LIFE TIME,...JESUS CHRIST...GOD OF MERCY....." "THEY SAY..."

" I FEEL SO DAMN BAD ABOUT IT... NOBODY'S GOING TO BELIEVE IT".

" THAT'S THE TROUBLE, AND I'D THOUGHT I'D BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH HELL ON THIS EARTH, AND NOW I HAVE TO GO THROUGH SOMETHIN LIKE THIS...."

"BUT THEY COULD OF..YOU KNOW.... THEY ... I GUESS... THEY.. WELL, THEY COULD OF HARMED US, SON. THEY.. THEY HAD US, THEY COULD OF DONE ANYTHING TO US. BUT THEY DIDN'T HURT ME."

C.P. " I WONDER WHY THEY PICKED US UP."

C.H." I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T KNOW"

C.P. " I'AM.. I'AM A TELLING YA MAN.. I.. I COULDN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THAT."

C.P. " I.. I GOT TO GET HOME TO BED,... GET SOME NERVE PILL OR SOMETHIN' SEE A DOCTOR OR SOMETHIN'...I CAN'T STAND IT.. I'AM ABOUT TO GO ALL TO PIECES."

C.H. I'LL..I'LL TELL YA ABOUT IT.. WHEN THEY GET THROUGH WITH US WE'LL GO BY UP THERE.. I'LL I'LL GET YA SOMETHIN' TO SETTLE YA DOWN.. SO YOU CAN GET SOME DAMN SLEEP".

C.P. "I CAIN'T SLEEP NOW.. I... I JUST I'AM JUST DAMN NEAR CRAZY"

C.H. " DAMN,... WHEN THEY BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THAT DAMN THING.. IS.. WHEN HE BROUGHT ME OUT.... WELL, I LIKE TO NEVER IN THE HELL YOU,... KNOW.. GOD DAMN IT .... I LIKE TO NEVER IN THE HELL GOT YOU STRAIGHTENED YOU OUT, MAN".

C.P. " I DON'T.. I DON'T KNOW.. ALL I REMEMBER MY EYES, THEY JUST FROZE UP JUST LIKE THAT, I COULDN'T MOVE'EM. JUST LIKE WAS STIFFER THAN A DAMN LOG, SEE".

C.H. " THEY DIDN'T.. NO.. THEY DIDN'T DO ME THAT WAY THOUGH, THEY .... NO..BOY....MERCY JESUS".

C.P. " I PASSED OUT.. I..I.. PASSED OUT,. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER PASSED OUT IN MY LIFE." " YOU SAID TO ME HI UNCLE [redacted]. YOU REALLY DID."

C.H. " I'VE NEVER SEEN NOTHIN' LIKE THAT BEFORE IN MY LIFE.. DISHEARTENING." "YOU CAIN'T MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THOUGH".

C.P. " I DON'T CARE IF THEY SHOULD BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BUT I DO KNOW BETTER..".

C.H. "THEY HAD BETTER WAKE UP AND START BELIEVIN'."

C.P. " YOU DAMN RIGHT".

C.H. " YOU BETTER WAKE UP AND START BELIEVIN'".

C.P. " YOU DAMN RIGHT".

C.H. " YOU BETTER WAKE UP AND START BELIEVIN'".

C.P. " I CAIN'T FIGURE OUT THE DAMN DOOR.. YOU SEE HOW THAT DOOR

C.P. COME ROUND ON OUR SIDE OF THE SHIP..".

C.H. " I DON'T KNOW.. HOW IT OPENED MYSELF,.. I DON'T KNOW".

C.P. " I DIDN'T SEE NO DOOR SWINGIN' OPEN".

C.H. " I DON'T KNOW HOW IT OPENED. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT OPENED".

C.P. " I'M SURE YOU DON'T".

C.H. " LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHIN' [redacted].

C.P. " ALL I KNOW IS.... THEY LOOK ROUND' THEM DAMN BLUE LIGHTS AND THEM S.B.'S JUST WALKED UP AND CLUMB ON".

C.H. " I KNOW IT..".

" YOU ...YOU CAIN'T BELIEVE IT AND YOU CAIN'T MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE IT".

C.P. " I PARALIZED RIGHT THERE.. I COULDN'T MOVE.. ".

C.H. " THEY'RE GOIN'.. THEY'RE GOIN' TO BELIEVE IT ONE OF THESE DAYS.. THEY'RE GOIN' TO BELIEVE IT ONE OF THESE DAYS.. MIGHT BE TOO LATE".

C.H. " I.. I KNEW ALL ALONG THERE WAS.. THERE WAS PEOPLE FROM OUTER WORLDS UP THERE. I KNEW ALL ALONG.. I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME".

C.P. " YOU KNOW YOURSELF, I DON'T DRINK".

C.H. " I KNOW THAT". " VERY SELDOM". " I KNOW THAT, I KNOW THAT"

C.P. " I'LL BE ACCUSED OF BEIN' A DAMN DOG DRUNK AND EVERYTHIN' ELSE, BUT I KNOW I AIN'T".

C.H. " VERY LITTLE I DRINK. AND I DRANK SOME AWHILE AGO.. WHEN I GOT OUT OF THAT DAMN THING, TO SETTLE MY DAMN NERVES".

C.P. " I ASKED THE DOCTOR ABOUT THAT ??I HAD ONE DRINK, ONE DAMN DRINK".?

C.H. " AND I'LL PROBABLY DRINK ME A COUPLE OF DRINKS WHEN I GET TO

C.F. THE HOUSE... AND MAKE ME SLEEP...".

C.P. " YOU SON OF A BUCK, AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED, I KNOW I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHIN' RIGHT NOW".

C.H. " WHEN I GET TO THE HOUSE, I'M GOIN' TO GET ME ANOTHER DRINK TO MAKE ME SLEEP.. FOR A HALF CENTURY."

C.P. " I CAN'T JUST SOME HOW ...: I'LL NEVER FORGET IT".

C.H. " LOOK WHAT ARE WE WAITING ON.. I'VE GOT TO GET OUR BOBIES HOME. I'LL JUST SAY WE COULDN'T WAIT".

C.F. " I... I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE HOUSE.. I... I DON'T WANT TO SET HERE AND GET SICK LIKE A DAMN FOOL..". "I'M GETTIN' SICK, WELL EXCUSE ME.. I GOT TO GO TO THE HOUSE

C.H. " WAIT A MINUTE, LET ME GET YOU A TOWEL... (NOISE)...

Please remember that I was nineteen years old at the time. A man, especially a young man, will usually try to hide his fear, such is his conditioning. I was disturbed, however, that I found it impossible to conceal my terror. Approximately three weeks after the incident I suffered a nervous breakdown and was hospitalised.

When Charlie said, “I knew all along they were people from other worlds up there,” it is sheer bravado. In all probability, prior to his abduction, Charlie gave little thought to the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. However, that night, within hours of the abduction, he said, “I knew all along…”- possibly for the same reason that children say (when someone has frightened them out of their wits) “I knew you were there all along.”

Somehow, that false claim makes them feel better. This is the secret tape, make of it what you will, but I can confirm that it is true and accurate. Me and Charlie were scared to death. We were not lying, not exaggerating, hadn’t been on the drink and we never messed with drugs. What we told the Sheriff and his deputies was the truth. It was after they listened to the tape that they treated us differently. I believe it also played a big part in Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek believing our account. It was long time after before we even knew about it let alone heard it. Over a year I reckon. Why we didn’t hear it before then I’m not sure and I dare say you will be able to find it somewhere on the internet to listen to yourselves.

****** CHAPTER SIX
The Press, Dr Harder and Dr Hynek

Here it is 4:00am October 12th, 1973. I had lain in bed all night not sleeping just laying there and I was listening to see if I could hear anyone in the house talking. Eventually I heard Charlie and Blanche talking so I got up around 4:30am. Blanche was cooking breakfast and Charlie was drinking coffee. I just said good morning, not wanting to say anymore because I didn’t know if Charlie had told Blanche or not. I went back to my room in order to gather up everything I had bean wearing the day before, even my shoes. I put them all in a garbage bag and threw them away. I didn’t want anything that reminded me of the day before, plus I didn’t know what kind of bacteria could be on them that would affect anyone else. I wanted to talk to Charlie about what had happened but I couldn’t because of everyone around us.

I went back to the bathroom, found some bleach and poured it all over me and then washed it off in the shower and put on some clean clothes and different shoes. I informed Blanche that I didn’t feel too good so I wasn’t

hungry but thanked her for cooking the breakfast. At around 6:00am I said to Charlie let's go to work, so off we went, out of the apartment and got in the car. I tried to start the car a few times before it finally sprang to life. While it was warming up I said to Charlie that we needed to be checked for bacteria. In the back of my mind no one around us was safe unless we were put into quarantine and checked out for a while. Charlie said we were okay but I asked him, how in hell do you know that, you're not a doctor? Think about it Charlie, I said, this could affect everyone we have been in contact with. Charlie said, "I'll take care of it later", but I told him if he didn't I would. I didn't want anyone to know but I felt like we were putting other people in danger by keeping things to ourselves. Charlie said let me handle it or I could make everyone panic, then it would simply get out of control. He wanted to stop at the store and get something but I told him I was not stopping until we got checked out. So, we took our time because of the way the car was running, it was missing really bad and back firing, so we took our time drove on in to work.

This was around 7:30am and I noticed that there were a lot of cars there that I hadn't seen before. When we arrived at the gate the guard told us that they wanted us in the office, "both of you" he said. I thought "oh no", I bet the Sheriff's Department has changed their mind and was going to take us straight to jail. But I was wrong. I couldn't have been more wrong. We walked into the office where they were waiting for us and the boss told us to go to the back. There was about five people sitting there that I didn't know, so I didn't say much, I just let Charlie do the talking. They said that reporters were calling from all over the place jamming the phone and that they could not conduct any business because of the phone ringing all the time. The office was full of reporters and this really upset me because I didn't want anyone to know and I was thinking how on earth could they have found out. I then started to think that everyone had scanners of some sort, the ones that could listen in on your conversation that had to be the way they found out. Looking back I was probably getting a little paranoid. I still hadn't even called my family and told them what had happened and I had no plans to tell them at all. But then the press started plastering it all over the news. I would give my family a call when I got a chance and tell them that everything was alright and would tell them about what happened later. (Remember, there were no cell phones back in 1973).

The Sheriff, Fred Diamond, showed up at the shipyard with a couple of deputies to help control the traffic and the media. Charlie was as shocked as I was to see all these media people there. Well, it was now official and all hell had broken lose. The story was out now and there was nothing we could do about it. Charlie asked the Sheriff, Fred Diamond, why he told the reporters about us and he replied that he hadn't said a thing and neither had any of his deputy's. I knew that either him or his deputies had to tell someone because they were the only ones that knew. We never find did out who broke the story to the press. All I know was that it wasn't me or Charlie.

The shipyard called in their lawyer to help handle the legal end for the shipyard, justin-case. The lawyers name was Joe Colingo. Later on Charlie suggested we should get into a legal contract with Colingo just-in-case, so we did. I was just going along with things just everything as things were just moving too fast for a country boy like me. The legal contract didn't last long, just a week or so. Charlie cancelled the contract but I don't really know why. Charlie just said he was not doing anything with Colingo as he was only in it for financial gain and wasn't interested in us. I don't know how true that is and I don't really care.

Getting back to Oct 12th, at around 9:00am and talking to the Sheriff and the owner of the shipyard, someone came up with the ideal that we needed to get checked for radiation and also have a medical examination. I thought 'Thank God' and hopefully there is nothing wrong with us and we've not exposed half of Mississippi. The Sheriff's Department escorted us in their patrol car to Singing River Hospital for a medical check up. The hospital said that they couldn't check us for radiation but they gave us an examination which was a great relief because I was worried about it. They sent us instead to Keesler Air force Base to be checked out for radiation. When we pulled up at the base there was about six people standing outside with white suits on, the suits that covered them from head to toe. That was as scary as hell. No one bothered to tell us their names. That was scary in its self. I was thinking they were very serious about this and I was glad to see it. They took Charlie and me and separated us about twenty feet apart and told everyone to stay back. Then they started taking radiation readings with a (Thermo Pile Detector). The reason I know the name of the equipment

they used is because I asked one of the guys using it what it was called. Then, one of them gave us the all clear and they loaded up their equipment and went back into the door and that's all they had to say 'all clear'. Before we could leave someone came out of the door and asked Charlie and I to follow him. We walked down a hall about the length of a football field and I noticed how clean it was. All of the way along all of the floors were waxed so you could almost see your face in them .Then all of a sudden he stopped us at a door with dark windows that you could not see through. Again the country boy (me) was getting worried about what was going to happen to us. He opened the door and asked us to go in and have a seat. Charlie and I were the only one's in there for about five minutes but we both sat there and kept our mouth's shut .Then, all of a sudden, the door opened and about six people walked in, five were in military uniform and one had on a black suit with a white tie. I was thinking, 'Boy we're screwed now' but they were very nice and down to business. The one in the suit asked all of the questions about what went on the night before, so we told our story about the three beings floating us on board the craft and what happened while we were on board.

Then they handed us a paper of what they said were the minutes of this meeting and the details of what we had seen but it was a blank piece of paper. Anyway, we took the paper and signed it and they gave both of us a copy of these blank signed pieces of paper. We were informed that they would mail us an official copy. I don't recall ever receiving this official copy. After this we were escorted back to the patrol car and they drove us back to the shipyard. It was now around 4:00pm. Charlie and me then went in to the office where we were informed that we had a meeting tomorrow and that Doctor James Harder and Doctor J. Allen Hynek were on their way down and wanted too see us 9:00am in the morning. They also told me that my mother and brother were in a motel and wanted me to go and see them. I thought to myself 'Thank God' at last someone I know and trust. At this time we still hadn't talked to the press. I was just going to head for home with Charlie but we had to pull the car over because of the way the car was running. I checked only to discover that three of the spark plugs had just about had it. There was an auto parts store just up the road (I can't remember the name of the store), so I stopped and got some plug wires and changed them in the parking lot. The car now started running as good as

new. Charlie and I didn't say but one word and when we got home I told him I would see him at work in the morning as I was going to see my mother and brother at the motel. Charlie would have to make his own way to work.

I left Charlie that evening thinking that was the first time I'd had to myself since this whole thing happened. I was excited to get to see some of my family, someone I knew that really cared for me. I was thinking what to say to them about what had happened and how they would react when I did. It took me about fifteen minuets to get to the motel that was in Gautier on Highway 90. I saw my mother's car parked up by the motel. It was good and dark by then but I still didn't know which room was theirs. I knew when I reached the right room because the curtains were open and I could see right in. They met me at the door and my mother was crying and so was I. My brother was scared to death and really jumpy. After greeting each other with hugs and tears we went inside before the press found us. We closed the door but never talked about what had happened to me, they just asked if I was alright and I told them I was fine. I asked about the rest of my family and they said everyone was thinking about me and praying for me. I also asked about Waynett, my fiancé and we were set to be married on November 9th, 1973. I didn't want to tell her on the phone so I would wait and tell her in person. My mother said my dad would go by and see her and tell her. I was really tired so I lay across the bed and fell asleep, so we never talked about what happened that night, they just let me rest.

The next morning I got up around 7:00am, took a shower and said good bye to everyone and told them that I loved them and as soon as the meeting was over that I would leave and go back to Laurel, Mississippi and see everyone for a couple of days and tell them all what had happened. I left around 8:00am going straight to the shipyard to meet with Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek. They were going to be there around 9:00am for the meeting. It was about 15 minuets to the shipyard and I was already dreading the day (I don't like meeting people that I don't know). I arrived at the shipyard and the guard escorted me in the gate to where the office personnel parked. I walked in through the door and saw Charlie and Dr. Harder talking. Taking a deep breath I walked up and introduced myself. They said lets go into the office and talk. We walked into the conference room where Dr. Hynek was

already waiting for us. The first thing they wanted to do was to hypnotize us in order to try and get more details about our experience on the river. They hypnotized Charlie first and he was back with us after about an hour .While he was being hypnotized by Dr. Harder (in a different office) Dr. Hynek, who was an astronomer and was part of the USAF's Project Blue Book, started to talk to me about our encounter. He already knew my story, I guess from talking to the Sheriff's Department, but he wanted me to tell him again, so I did. Then Charlie came back with Dr Harder. Dr. Harder was a Professor at Berkeley Engineering. Dr. Harder told me to step into the back room with him. He talked to me for a little while, nothing about the abduction, just questions, like where were you born, how old are you, who was your mother and father and do you have any brothers and sisters etc. I answered all the questions as honestly and as accurately as I could. The next thing he did was to have me to lie down and relax. He was going to hypnotize me. Then he had me pick a spot on the wall and concentrate on it and started talking to me about my arm floating. So, I did what he asked and while under hypnosis I was telling him about what had happened to us, but when he got to the part about being abducted. I went into a panic mode. Dr. Harder started taking me out of the hypnotic trance that I was in and didn't try again. It would seem that the hypnosis didn't work on me. When all of this was over I had a chance to ask them questions and that's when I found out who they were. Later on I read in the newspaper that had interviewed Dr. Hynek and he had said that he withheld judgement on what had happened to us but he did say that Hickson and Parker were honest men who seemed genuinely distressed about what had occurred. Then they left as fast as they got there. I was really impressed with both of them, they were all business.

At the end of our meeting they called Charlie and I into the office and told us to take a two weeks paid leave of absence so things would get back to normal. So they went ahead and wrote us a cheque so we would not have to come back to the office to get it .I had already made up my mind to go back to Laurel, Mississippi which was home and where my finance and family were, so I could tell them what had happened. I already had my clothes in the car so I set off for home and I just couldn't wait to get there. I knew that everything would be okay then. I just didn't know how Waynett and the

family would take it but I knew she would be worried but it would all be fine.

I don’t know who let the cat out of the bag and informed the press of what had happened to Charlie and me but the story got out somehow. Here is another item from the MUFON file. It looks a little bit like a press release but I can’t be sure. MUFON have redacted this document as is there policy. I think this document will help you understand how the press hounded us. I will also be using a selection of newspaper cuttings elsewhere in this book.

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PASCAGOULA, Miss. UPI

- Two shipyard workers say they were taken aboard a gleaming blue spacecraft by hovering creatures with silvery, wrinkled skin. Sheriff [redacted] is sure "something did happen to them."

"There are reliable people," [redacted] said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

"I was scared and I'm still scared and shook up over it," said one of the men, [redacted], 40. "I've never experienced anything like that and I hope I don't ever again."

Whatever happened took place around 7 p.m. Thursday night while [redacted] and [redacted], 19, were fishing off an old pier on the east bank of the Pascagoula River near here. They said they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze, and then were taken inside the craft by the three creatures.

Both Questioned at Length

Both men were questioned at length by the Jackson County sheriff's office but were reluctant to talk to newsmen. However, they consented to a brief, filmed interview with a Biloxi television station WLOX-TV.

"All of a sudden we heard something like a buzzing sound," said [redacted]. "and I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

He said it appeared to be "hovering" about feet over the ground and "one end just opened ... and I saw three t h i n g s coming out. They seemed to be floating across the water a couple of feet high."

"Before I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted from the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

He said he was carried to the "craft" where he was examined by "some kind of instrument ... it reminded me of a big eye" which "covered my entire body."

He said he was not harmed and "didn't have any sensation whatsoever. I was just helpless."

[redacted] Pascoe out [redacted], who also works at a local shipyard, said he was taken to the craft too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared and could not remember what happened afterward.

Both men admitted to authorities they took "a stiff drink" after they were released but said they had not been drinking before. Chief Deputy [redacted] said they definitely were not intoxicated.

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craft" was described as fish-shaped, about 12 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-gray skin with no hair, long pointed ears and noses, with an opening for a mouth, big eyes, and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled and the only sound they made was a sizzling - burning sound."

Neither man suffered any apparent injuries but they were taken Friday to a military hospital at nearby Chesler Air Force Base to be checked for possible radiation exposure as a precaution. Chesler officials said an examination by Air Force physicians found no evidence of radiation.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Hypnosis

Charlie worked with a guy called William Mendez and they published their own book called '*UFO CONTACT AT PASCAGOULA*' which was published in 1983 and has recently been re-published by my publisher Philip Mantle at FLYING DISK PRESS**.** I didn't have a great deal to do with the book but I did agree to undergo hypnosis. I have the permission to publish it here which I believe this is only fair to do so that the readers can see it for themselves.

William Mendez had brought in a guy by the name of Kraus to do the hypnosis. Mr. Kraus had been at the time at his address for seventeen years and during that period of time had established an extensive practice in hypnotherapy. Most of his clients were referred to his centre by doctors in the Detroit area. He was an active member of the American Institute of Hypnosis and the American Association of Professional Hypnologists. Currently (1976), he was serving as secretary with the Michigan Association for Professional Hypnosis. Kraus had taught hypnosis to doctors, dentists and other professionals in Michigan.

Kraus began his first hypnosis session with Charlie by reassuring him that hypnosis is not a form of mind control, that Charlie would be in full possession of his mind at all times and that he could terminate the session whenever he desired. After further assurances that everything would be done to prevent Charlie from being uncomfortable (we were mindful of how painful the hypnosis had been which was attempted less than forty eight hours after the incident), we were ready to begin. There were four people in the office; Charlie, John Kraus, Curtis Watkins (an artist who sketched Charlie's descriptions) and myself.

Several tape recorders were turned on and Charlie assumed a comfortable position in a reclining chair, which was then adjusted to its more horizontal position. With his hands loosely clasped at his belt buckle and a blindfold covering his eyes, Charlie lay on his back attempting to relax. Kraus then began his induction talk, a series of suggestions, which, if successful, would take Charlie back to the events of the evening of October 11, 1973. The entire induction procedure took approximately thirty minutes and was in three parts. During the first part, the hypnotist asked Charlie to imagine that "a wonderful feeling of relaxation" was gathering at the top of his head. It

was next suggested that this feeling would “flow like water” down and over the muscles of Charlie’s face, shoulders, upper arms, forearms, hands and finally out through his fingertips, relaxing each of these groups of muscles in turn.

A similar series of suggestions were then given which focused on the muscles of the chest, back, waist, thighs, knees and feet and terminated with the suggestion that they “wonderful relaxing feeling” would flow right out through the tips of Charlie’s toes. Throughout this procedure Charlie was encouraged to imagine, to feel if he could, what was being suggested. As suggestions were made, Charlie remained in the reclining position he had initially assumed. At one point I began to worry that he might be falling asleep. It soon became evident, however, that this was not the case.

During the second part of the induction talk, Charlie was asked to visualize a special clock, his own “clock of relaxation.” This clock had numerals like an ordinary clock, but it had only one hand, which revolved in a counter clockwise direction. Charlie was told to picture the clock with its hand pointing to twelve and as the hand moved and pointed to each of the numbers on the face of the clock, he was instructed to think to himself, “I am relaxed.” Charlie was cautioned against speaking the words; he had only to think silently to himself, “I am relaxed.” John Kraus then counted off the numbers as the imaginary clock revealed them, “eleven,” and Charlie was reminded to think, “I am relaxed - ten,” and the same suggestion was given again; “nine,” this time the hypnotist said nothing, but simply paused, then continued lowly until the hand of the clock was back where it started on “twelve.”

In the third and last part of the induction, Charlie was asked to visualize the pages of a calendar beginning with the current month and year, February 1976. This calendar was unlike an ordinary one in that its pages were backwards. When February 1976 was removed we would find January 1976 and when January was removed December 1975 would be revealed and so on. In this way, Kraus slowly carried Charlie back in time, all the way from February 1976 to September 1973. He then suggested that Charlie move forward in time, into the month of October and up to Thursday, October 11, 1973, the day of the abduction.

The following is a compilation of edited tape transcriptions of the several hypnosis sessions conducted with Charlie and Calvin between February and May 1976. Wherever the ellipsis (…) appears, part of the hypnotic testimony has been deleted. This was done to render the transcript manageable, unedited they are far too lengthy to reproduce.

KRAUS:
... Going forward now in October 1973 to the ninth of October-and the tenth, relaxed, calm and secure, very aware, very relaxed and always in perfect control. Now, the morning of the eleventh of October 1973. The morning, the day you have to start work. You remember very clearly, very distinctly - all of what happens to you. After breakfast you go to work - it's mid-afternoon now- taking your lunch break - very relaxed, very calm, very secure, very aware of all that's going on…I want you now to begin to describe what's happening to you….You'll be able to speak very clearly and very distinctly and understand what you're saying. The very sound of your own voice becomes a tool of relaxation to you….It's your lunch break now-after your lunch-and you're going back to work now.

CHARLIE: Yeah.
KRAUS:
Fine, back to work now?
CHARLIE:
Some of 'ems comin' back late-from lunch.
KRAUS:
Got your crew working there for you now? Yeah, they're about all back now.
KRAUS:
Go ahead just a little further now…just relax…everything's fine.

CHARLIE:
Me and Calvin's talkin' about going fishin' after a while, after we go home and have supper…..

KRAUS:
Go ahead….you're very relaxed.
CHARLIE:
I hope my wife's got supper ready, I'm hungry.

From the above comments, it is evident that Charlie's hypnotic regression was the type that caused him to relive the experience, rather than simply 'witness' it. When he formed his sentences his verbs were all in the present tense. Referring to the men working under him, he said, "Some of 'ems comin' back late-from lunch," rather than, "…came back late." There can be little doubt that Charlie is reliving the experience when we hear him say, "I hope my wife's got supper ready, I'm hungry."

KRAUS:
What's happening now?

CHARLIE:
We're going across the bridge toward Gautier, toward home…We're nearly about to the house. Yeah, she - she's got supper ready….Damn! I loaned somebody one of my fishin' reels - oh, I got three though; I got plenty to fish with this evening. I don't have to go by and get my bait. I got some frozen shrimp, already in the freezer. We're going to go now…. (to the river) I don't hardly know where we ought to go on the river. I fished up and down there a lot of time I - (Charlie sighs at this point as though trying to make up his mind just where to begin fishing).Try to go down by that old grain elevator first, I think….

Charlie frequently pauses in his narrative. These periods of silence varied from ten to thirty seconds. Listening to him one had the feeling that sometimes Charlie is waiting during these periods of silence for part of the 'action' to pass. Occasionally, he will simply pass over some event which clearly took time to occur in reality.
For example, supper was mentioned as being ready, but there was no pause or time spent describing the eating of it. It's as if Charlie's conscious mind was mediating, deciding what was important and passing over events that were relatively insignificant.

KRAUS:
Just relax now, easy and relaxed.

CHARLIE:
There's a lot of waves comin' in the river here from the fishing boats comin' in. (Charlie and Calvin are fishing in the river now). We're not gonna catch

no fish here. We're going' on up the river now. Looks like we're gonna have to walk a little ways here…The tide ain't right. (Long pause, then Charlie chuckles, it's a genuine, infectious kind of laugh that makes us smile with him.) That Calvin just told a joke…. (He chuckles again.) We ain't gonna catch no fish - that river ain't right. He ain't got no - Calvin said he left his watch in the car - wonder what time it is….Sun's still up there a little bit though - it ain't too late. Well, I guess we won't see what time it is, he can't find his watch - no, he can't find it. We're going on up the river now, going up the side of the river.

KRAUS:
You're very relaxed and calm. I don't know, we might catch something here - I doubt it though.
KRAUS:
You're very relaxed and calm, easy.

CHARLIE:
We're just talkin' about going' back - back up on Pearl River - set out some trotlines for catfish like we did long time ago - Calvin's Daddy and my boy. I don't know when I'll get to go though. Boy, this ol' pier's been here a long time - getting' pretty old. (They are now at the abandoned Schaupeter Shipyard.) Just caught a catfish -'Hardhead' (name of a local species of catfish) - not any good though. Don't think the Redfish are gonna bite… wish to heck Calvin could find that watch, we could see what time it was. Calvin just caught a Croaker. (Charlie laughs out loud again. We do not inquire and he does not volunteer why he laughed.) We ain't gonna catch no fish here. (After a long pause, Charlie hands and feet begin to twitch slightly and perspiration beads above his upper lip.)

KRAUS:
We're right here with you, don't be afraid now. (Charlie's breathing becomes audibly heavier.)

CHARLIE:
(Taking a deep breath, but with a touch of panic in his voice, he cries out.) Calvin! Calvin! Did you hear that? (He's panic stricken.) Oh my God! What is it? It's got some blue lights on it.
It's – no - it's not touching the ground. (Charlie's breathing is considerably

heavier now.) Blue light just gone out.
Look at it close. Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid now.

CHARLIE:
Somethin'- somethin' openin' in that thing – openin'- that light's so bright - so bright. It's pretty big.

MENDEZ:
What's pretty big, Charlie?

CHARLIE:
Well, that – that - that out there! It looks - I don't know what the hell it is - it looks something like a big - (He does not complete the sentence.)

KRAUS:
Take a good look at it.

CHARLIE:
It's got something' on top of it too. I can't tell what that is on top, it looks like - there's something there.

KRAUS:
You can see it real clear.
CHARLIE:
There's someone comin' in the doorway.
KRAUS:
Don't be afraid now, Charlie. Don't be afraid now. Something comin' in - through the doorway. I can't tell what it is yet.
KRAUS:
Watch it, watch it. Don't be afraid, just watch it.

CHARLIE:
Oh my God! What am I gonna do? I can't move - I can't run – nothing'- they're comin' out. What is it? (His voice rising.) Calvin! What is it? They're getting' closer! (Incredulously.) I can't move!

KRAUS:
You're not afraid. You can see it very clear.

CHARLIE:
There's three – three - three of em. I can see 'em better now.

KRAUS:
Take a good close look. You're not afraid. Don't be afraid now. What's going on now, Charlie?

CHARLIE:
Whatever it is, they're moving' toward us. There's three all right. I don't know, I can't tell yet what - they're not on the ground. I don't know - Oh my God! (With disbelief in his voice.) Something' that looks like that! They - don't look like anything I've ever seen.

KRAUS:
Don't be afraid of it. You can see very clearly and distinctly. Don't be afraid.

CHARLIE:
They're not that - that tall though. How tall would you say they are?

CHARLIE:
I don't know - they're not touching the ground. It's hard to tell, really. They're not they're comin' on closer though.

KRAUS:
Take a good close look at them.

CHARLIE:
Yeah, they're comin' closer. Oh boy! They're kinda grayish lookin', they're kinda grey. If I had a little more light I could see better….It's got a head on it, whatever it is - its round lookin' thing. Let me look a minute - let me - (long pause.) They got something that's stickin' out in front of – I think it's the head comin' down to a sharp point. Got somethin' on the side too, on the sides of the head - it ain't nothin'- it ain't like no - ear or anything though.

KRAUS:
What's it like? Take a good close look at it, Study it.

CHARLIE:
It's got a rough lookin'- it just looks - it's grayish lookin'; it's got a rough - I don't know what it is. It don't really look like a - any clothes or anything.

KRAUS:
Take a good close look now, Charlie. Don't be afraid.

CHARLIE:
I never seen anything like that. I bet it don't have any feet - I don't see any - it's up off the ground.
Look over it carefully. Describe it very easily. Don't be afraid now. Study it real careful now.

CHARLIE:
It's not - it's not any kind of cloth. I don't know - it looks - it don't look like a metal. I don't know, I can't see it good enough. Still movin' this way - (Sighs deeply).

KRAUS:
Don't be afraid now, Charlie.

CHARLIE:
They're gonna take hold of me. That light! They're gettin' on me! Somethin' got me - my left shoulder - I got a sharp pain there. Oh Lord! They got Calvin too.

The 'pain' Charlie felt as the creature took hold of his arm is one of the many events that remain inexplicable. The pain may have been some kind of electrical shock or injection aimed at incapacitating Charlie, as he did become paralyzed as soon as he was captured. Also, Calvin didn't appear to experience pain, but it is possible that he did not notice it because he was traumatised.

To add to the mystery, Charlie suffered a peculiar kind of bleeding on the Friday following the abduction. Charlie recalls blood flowing from what appeared to be a small puncture wound on his upper left arm. The same place and arm grasped by the creature that captured him! There was sufficient blood to require repeated wiping with a handkerchief for long

enough time periods to cause him considerable alarm. This bleeding was witnesses by Calvin and also by Charlie's wife, Blanche.

The bleeding stopped Friday evening and the next day Charlie could not find any evidence of broken or punctured skin where the blood had appeared. Perhaps, because the bleeding stopped, or simply because of the confusion of those days, Charlie failed to report the incident to anyone investigating the abduction. Sometime later, however, he told the story to Ralph Blum, a writer, who mentioned it in his book, *BEYOND EARTH: MAN'S CONTACT WITH UFOs*.

Kraus probed the strange bleeding experience while Charlie was under hypnosis and the following details were revealed. Apparently Charlie first noticed that he was bleeding at about 8:00 am on Friday, October 12, at the Walker Shipyard where he was employed. At the time, he wiped the blood with a handkerchief and he saw what looked like a small puncture wound. Later that day at home, around 6:00 pm, Charlie again noticed his arm was bleeding. It was at that time that he showed it to Blanche and Calvin. Charlie then took a shower and apparently did not notice any further bleeding. Charlie did not reveal any concern of anxiety about the bleeding under hypnosis. He described it in a very matter-of-fact tone and said that at the time, he had thought that he might have been hit by a piece of steel at the shipyard.

Before turning to Calvin's account of the abduction under hypnosis; let's consider a few of Charlie's comments, which strongly indicate that his regression was deep and genuine. For instance, while describing the spaceship he said, "It's pretty big." When he was asked, "What's pretty big?" he answered, "Well, that – that - that out there". He is unable to name what he sees as a "ship" of "craft" because at this point he is reliving the experience and he had not yet decided what it was that was hovering before him. We assume - that was precisely his situation on the night of the abduction. Charlie's next observation under hypnosis was similar in that something which he had consciously and frequently described as a "dome" eluded him when he saw it under hypnosis. He could only say, "I can't tell what is on top…there's somethin' there." The creatures are treated in the same way by Charlie's 'unconscious'. He described them as "Something

comin' in
- through the doorway. I can't tell what it is yet." All of these instances appear to suggest the same thing - that Charlie's regression under hypnosis was a genuine 'reliving' of the experiences and that his knowledge was limited to what he knew on that October night. Calvin's hypnosis session follows. Again, the hypnotic state was induced by John Kraus. ….Soon I'm going to count from one to three - count of three you're going to open your eyes. You're going to be right back again - that night, on the Pascagoula River. Nothing to be afraid of, you'll know you're just viewing it, just as though you're watching a movie - your eyes, you're going to see it all happen again. Nothing to fear. The count of three you'll open you're eyes and remain in deep, deep hypnotic sleep ….One….Two….Three….Okay, open your eyes and remain in deep trance. Open your eyes and drift into deeper and deeper trance. You can communicate perfectly. Open your eyes now. (Calvin opens his eyes.) That's fine, Calvin, that's fine. You're there on the pier now. You can re-experience again just as you did then. You're right there now and I'm there with you, there's nothing to be afraid of. You can describe what you're seeing now - you just heard the sound.

CALVIN:
(Speaking in a slow sleepy voice.) We're fishing; we just come back from the grain elevator. Sat down, we ain't been there just a few minutes. Charlie and I was fishin', he was on my right side. We hear a noise, I hear a noise - I glanced up - Charlie's lookin'. Turn around, there's some blue lights - two blue lights on it. At first it was just a hazy blue, Charlie - Charlie was standing up, I stood to my feet. The blue lights resembled - on a patrol car, then they just lit up real bright. There was an opening, some kind of creatures comin' out.

From Calvin's initial remarks it seems that his hypnotic regression is not as 'pure' as Charlie's. It is condensed and focuses only on the highlights of the experience in an almost summarizing fashion. The language is also different. Calvin uses a mixture of past and present tense verbs, which suggests that he is witnessing parts of the experience rather than 'reliving' them. Perhaps this occurred because John Kraus suggested to Calvin that he would be 'just viewing it, just as though you're watching a movie-your eyes, you're going to see it all happen again'. ….

Charlie's induction talk did not contain those suggestions. Such suggestions put a kind of 'distance' between the subject under hypnosis and the experience he is describing It is usually more comfortable for the subject to describe a traumatic experience if he is 'viewing it' as though on a movie screen, as if it were happening to someone else. Perhaps, this is why Kraus gave Calvin those suggestions; he knew of Calvin's breakdown and most likely wanted to be sure Calvin would not suffer unnecessarily.

KRAUS:
You can see them. Don't be afraid of them.

CALVIN:
I only see one right now. He's standing' there in the openin'. They start comin' out - two of 'em and there's a third one. Two of 'ems approaching Charlie - they're on him. They're takin' Charlie aboard. One - one's comin' towards me. I don't know - I can't move - I'm just standing' there - I want to run - I can't, but he's still comin'.

KRAUS:
What's he doing? Don't be afraid. I'm with you.

CALVIN:
He's just easin' over. He ain't said nothin'. They - they approach me and they take me by the arm - one of them. Takin' me aboard with Charlie.

As Calvin continues his narrative, his regression increasingly approximates the 'reliving' character of Charlie's account. His words change from the past to the present tense.
KRAUS:
What's happening now? Don't be afraid.
CALVIN:
I see black dots - I remember a bright light - a real bright light. Then I see nothin'…. Where's the creature?
CALVIN:
I can't see him.
KRAUS:
Has he got hold of you?
CALVIN:

He’s got hold of me.
KRAUS:
What’s happening?
CALVIN:
I remember goin’ in the door - the opening, then everything gets real dark.

A comparison of Charlie’s and Calvin’s descriptions of the initial encounter under hypnosis reveals that they are essentially consistent in regard to details, such as, the craft with blue light(s), making a sound when they first noticed it, an opening appearing in the craft and three creatures floating out of that opening. Let us compare these details with what Charlie said on the night of the abduction. This quotation is transcribed from the Sheriff’s secret tape:

DEPUTY:
Start from the beginning.
CHARLIE:
Well, this’ll be the third time.
DEPUTY:
That’s what we want.

CHARLIE:
…We were sitting’ there fishin’ and - I don’t know how - I guess we must have seen the thing at the same time - just a blue light circling a little bit…a blue light, Jesus Christ!...It was just circling - it looked like the light was….after a little while there - it just come down on the Bayou, you know, about two or three foot above the ground…and I couldn’t believe it…and a little buzzing sound (imitate sound) just like that…this opening just laid up there and three of them just floated out of the thing.

Calvin was also interrogated privately, without Charlie. Unfortunately, no tape recording was made of that session. Charlie’s testimony, however, contains the same description we have noted earlier: the blue light (by ‘circling’ Charlie meant the way blue lights appear to circle or turn on a police car), the ship hovering close to the ground, the buzzing sound, the strange opening and the three figures coming out of the opening. On the day after the abduction, when Charlie and Calvin were taken to Keesler Air Force Base for a radiation contamination check, they requested an interview

with officers serving at the base. A comparison of the relevant parts of the Keesler interview with the above accounts reveals no inconsistencies. The men tell the same story at Keesler as they told at the Sheriff's Department and as they related under hypnosis. I think it was only right that I included our hypnosis. Hypnosis is by no means a truth-serum, you can still withhold things. But I have nothing to hide and as William Mendez has said our interview at Keesler Air Force Base supported what we have said all along. The interview from Keesler Air force Base is reproduced in full in the next chapter.

****** CHAPTER EIGHT
Interview at Keesler Air Force base

Charlie and I were worried that we may have been contaminated by radiation from our encounter so we asked to be checked over. The Sheriff's Department nor the local hospital could do this but nearby Keesler Air Force base could. We were checked over and given the all clear we were then interview by officers at Keesler AFB.

I really think the people around us was relieved we weren't contaminated also. The reason for thinking this is seeing the relief on their face because they had been around us all day.

When we first started meeting and talking to people after the 'close encounter' I think everyone around us had some sort of doubt about our story. But as the day went on they started seeing that the fear was real and slowly but surely began believing in us. Then, when I told them that I was worried about everyone around us being contaminated, possibly by radiation or some kind of bacteria and then them going home to their families and possibly contaminating them as well, then they started getting us the help we needed in order to check us out and test us to see if we were any way contaminated by radiation. I was scared, I have to admit it.

By this time, looking back, I think they knew that they might have made a mistake by not putting us in quarantine because if we had been exposed to something they would have a major problem on their hands because by now we had met hundreds of people and any contamination would have already started to spread as a result.

That why I think anyone being abducted should be checked as soon as it happens. As we walked into this meeting you could see the concerned looks on everyone face because mistakes had been made but thank God it worked out for everyone,

Getting back to how serious this was for everyone you could feel the tension when we walked into the room and the expressions on their faces would be locked into my memory forever. This is when everyone got really serious and started asking questions. They were direct and to the point. Someone later on asked me if there was a conspiracy to cover any of this up but I told them no, there was too much press involved. I think everyone there just wanted the truth and to hear the story from Charlie and me in person. This story would have been hard to cover up because of the press and we were never asked in anyway to keep anything secret.

The interview went really well and there was no pressure from anyone in the room but a lot of pressure had been taken away by now because we knew then that we wouldn't contaminate the people around us. I am not going to get in to what was said because they wrote it all down and it is reproduced in full at the end of this chapter, totally unabridged, I'll just outline instead what I was thinking at the time. At this point it was starting to sink in what had happened to us. I really didn't want to talk about it so I just kept up with story that I was passed out which worked out very well for me. You see at this time in my life I didn't care if anyone believed what I was saying or not and I still don't care if anyone believes me or not as long as I am true to myself, that is all that matters. As long as a person is true to themselves and their family and to God it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks. Charlie asked me on the way home why I didn't tell them more than I did. I just told him it was because I just wanted to get back to my life and to work. Back to normal again before all this happened. I told Charlie before we walked in there let's try to calm this down as much as we can and hopefully everyone would soon forget about it. They would well have done this if Charlie would have let them, but it's like he thrived on telling people about the abduction and everyone always thought he was the brave one, but after the visit to Keesler Air Force Base he wouldn't let it go. We were in there for what felt like forever but it was around an hour or so. After being interviewed by the military they let us go, not telling us if they believed us

or not but by the look on their faces I think they did.
Here is the complete unabridged transcript of our interview at Keesler Air Force Base.

Exh. 1 JP w/3 Provid Antonio Bureaus
Charles Hickson

OFFICIAL KEESLER FIELD UFO INTERROGATION

OF HICKSON AND PARKER

12 October 1973

The following is a transcription of a report made this date by the following individuals:

Mr. Charles Hickson	2722, Apt. 1, College Villa Apts. Pascagoula, MS
Mr. Calvin Parker, Jr.	Same address

The report was made to the following personnel:

Lt. Colonel Derrington	Security Police
Colonel Amdall	Chairman, Department of Medicine
Colonel Rudolph	Hospital Services
Colonel Hanson	Veterinary Services
Lt. Colonel Gibson	Associate Administrator
Major Winans	Health Physicist
Captain Hoban	Security Police
MSgt Russell	Security Police
T. E. Huntley	Detective, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Pascagoula, MS Phone: 782 - 4333
Joe Colingo	Attorney, Pascagoula, MS Phone: 782 - 8021

Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker both stated they were employed in Pascagoula by F. B. Walker & Sons, Phone: 782 - 3931.

Two persons who reported sighting an object at approximately the same time were:

Raymond Broadus	Probation and Parole Officer, Pascagoula
Larry (last name unknown)	Larry's Standard Station Market & Highway 90, Pascagoula

Hickson: I don't recall seeing him until after I was out.

Derrington: You didn't see him on board?

Hickson: No, sir, I didn't. I don't recall seeing him on board at all. As I said, I was scared partly out of my mind.

Derrington: When was the first time you noticed Calvin?

Hickson: When they brought me back out on the ground, I believe, is when I seen him again. He was hysterical and sort of looked like he was paralyzed but he suddenly came to his senses.

Derrington to Parker: Before you passed out, do you recall being lifted into the vehicle?

Parker: I recall them getting me and just like a big magnet drawing me to it. I wasn't on the ground - I was off the ground. I don't remember a thing. I just blacked out. I just stood there like I was froze. Then I finally got to where I could move a little bit. It was like a bad dream. I wish it had been a bad dream and it would all be over with. I didn't sleep more than three seconds all night.

Derrington: Do you recall them bringing you back out?

Parker: No, sir. When I came to the ship went "zzzp" and disappeared.

Derrington: Did you discuss what had happened between you?

Parker: I passed out. I did not remember anything.

Hickson: We discussed what had happened to me. We talked a while trying to decide what to do. We drove to a quick service store and discussed it for almost an hour before we decided to go to the Sheriff's office.

Derrington: What did you have to eat before going fishing?

Hickson: We had dinner. My wife had cooked dinner and we had swiss steak, rice, gravy, and a couple of vegetables and iced tea.

Derrington: What did you have, you say, to drink? Iced tea?

Hickson: There is short grass in there. But where it was they was not anything that it could have disturbed. Not any tall grass.

Derrington: No depressions in the area at all after this?

Hickson: No, sir.

Parker: Something else. The craft - it never did set down on the ground itself. It stayed approximately two feet from it.

Hickson: It was off the ground.

Parker: Well, really, they didn't nothing touch it - the ground.

Derrington: You didn't see anything like air that would disturb the . . .

Hickson: I didn't. That is something else I can't understand. I can't understand any of it but something like that, I just can't.

Derrington: No exhaust or anything?

Hickson: I didn't see it. If it was I didn't see it. But as I said, I was quite scared.

Derrington: No attempt to your knowledge to communicate with you in any way?

Hickson: Only unless it was - I don't think it was trying to communicate with us. I think - I don't know - it might have been communicating with the others but I didn't hear any . . .

Parker: They didn't act like they meant any harm to us.

Hickson: They didn't harm me I know, that I know of.

Parker: They did me physically right now but, you know, not physically but mentally it is about to tear me up.

Derrington: What about curiosity. Did there appear to be any unusual curiosity about the objects?

Hickson: It seemed to me that they knew what they were doing, but they was - I don't know what they were trying to find out but they were trying to find out something about us because - you know - what they done to me, and I don't know what they were doing. Other

Derrington: About how tall were these things?

Hickson: Well, its hard to tell about anything. It had to - it was tall enough that when we went in the opening we wasn't touching anything.

Derrington: I mean the individuals.

Hickson: I'd say somewhere approximately 5 feet, or something like that.

Parker: Of course you know they wasn't on the ground so that made them taller than us. You know - as far as getting out walking across the ground.

Hickson: When you are that frightened it's hard to give a good description of something.

Derrington: You talked about them moving. Did they move with leg motion or . . . ?

Parker: Drifted.

Hickson: Just flying.

Parker: Like it wasn't no gravity around.

Hickson: I didn't see any motion of their legs but I know they had motion with what I guess was arms - I guess it was arms because they moved them whenever they lifted me.

Parker: And it was like a crawfish or crab.

Derrington: Was anything strapped on this, like a sort of pack or anything?

Hickson: I didn't see anything like that. Just the thing, is all.

Derrington: Just the body frame of the individual and it was either unclothed or clothed with something very tight fitting?

Hickson: Yes.

Derrington: Did this creature have two arms and two legs, or what seemed to be?

Hickson: It seemed to be two of each one. Yes, sir.

Parker: But it wasn't like our arms and legs. You know, well it was on the same basic manner as an arm and leg but it wasn't physically looking the same.

Huntley: I believe you told me that it looked more like a crab claw.

Parker: Yes sir.

Hickson: The guy had claw like things. It wasn't fingers like our fingers are.

Derrington: When did the two of you regain consciousness and begin to talk about this thing? Did you notice any difference in what each of you had observed?

Hickson: Well, we - first thing we were so scared we couldn't even talk for a while, I guess. And I told Calvin - I told him what they had done to me and he didn't remember anything. He said he didn't remember - you know - what they done to him. And we just couldn't make up our mind to tell anybody about it because you just don't believe things like that. And then I went to the Sheriff's Department and told him that I wanted to get it to the proper military authorities and I didn't want any publicity or anything about it. I didn't want that, but I believed that the military should know about it.

Derrington: In talking with people in the past about unidentified flying objects, have you had anyone describe to you an experience similiar to yours - this one that you have just had?

Hickson: No, sir.

Colonel Amdall: Did you feel well? Before this ever started, before you went fishing, as far as you could determine, were you normal?

Hickson: Oh, yes sir. Normal. As far as I know I'm in perfect health. I work in the shipyard and as far as I know there wasn't anything physically or mentally wrong with me when I went fishing. But I had just got off of work and had dinner and went fishing.

Parker: You know - just hunting something to do cause we wasn't - when we decided to go fishing - and he said, "Well the tide's wrong"

Colingo: And that was unrelated to this? He just apparently reported it also to the Sheriff?

Huntley: Right.

Rudolph: That was what I was asking. Did these people report the incident . . .

Huntley: Right. They were unrelated as far as I know.

Winans: Were there any odors or smell sensations with this thing that you noticed?

Hickson: I didn't have any of them. No I didn't. Not that I recall.

Parker: But it was there. It will be there again.

The exact location of the men was then described as follows: going east, on the west bank of the Pascagoula River, just to the south side of the highway as you approach the drawbridge going into Pascagoula, on the old shipyard property.

Detective Huntley and Mr. Colingo both requested copies of this transcript.

Mr. Colingo: The main concern with them was that before they wanted to give anything to the press, they wanted to relate this story to the government authorities. We got involved with the Sheriff's office this morning. He wanted them to go to the hospital for any precautions if there might have been some radiation. And we went out there, and them not having the proper equipment, we came over here. And they also wanted to give this to the military.

As you can see I have copied the transcript document of our interview direct into this book so that way no one can accuse me of editing it in any way. I would like to thank Mark Rodeghier of the J.Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies for supplying this document.

Now I know I had said I had passed out when I really didn't, but the reason for this was that Charlie and I thought it was for the best because deep down in Charlie's mind he thought he was protecting me. If everyone thinks back to 1973 there was a big age difference between us and it was Charlie and my father that used to hang out together and were good friends.

Although I was brought up with his children and we were good friends, when it came to me it was like Charlie was taking care of one of his kids. So I just stuck with the story of me passing out as we thought it was the best way to protect me at the time. Thinking back Charlie probably did a lot of his interviews to keep everyone away from me, thinking again that this would satisfy the press and protect me at the same time. So when we left Keesler AFB we went back to the shipyard where we were working at the time to get our cars. It was really quiet on the way there, no one said much, but in my mind I was really relieved that this part was over. When I reached my car I took Charlie home but we said very little to each other on the way home, just small talk about not going fishing for a long time. I think in the back of Charlie's mind he knew I wasn't coming back to live with him again and that's where it pretty much ended for us. After all that had happened there was now only one thing on my mind, home.

****** Charles Hickson circa 1973

Calvin Parker circa 1973 Charles Hickson (left) & Calvin Parker (right) in 1973

Sheriff Fred Diamond circa 1973

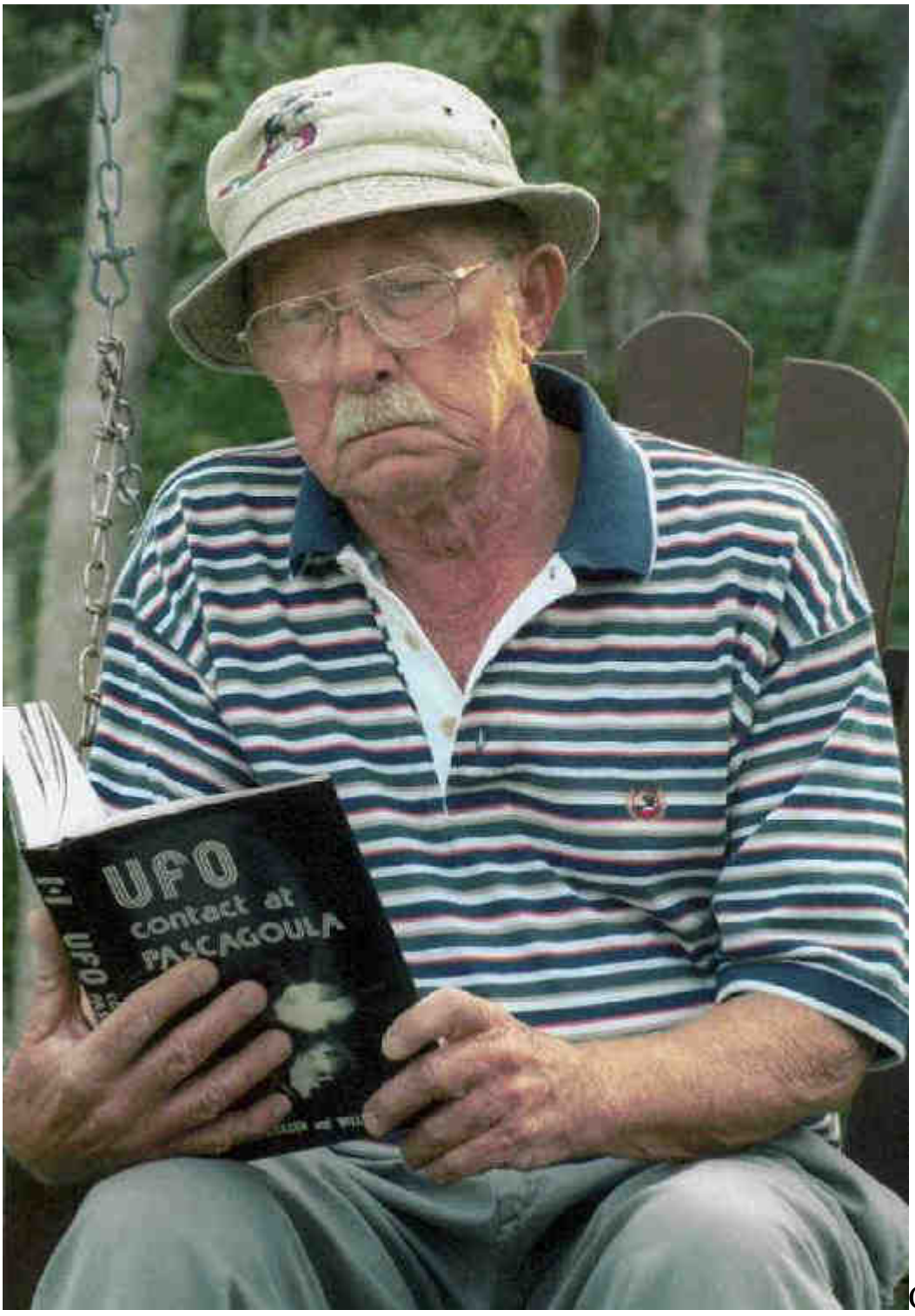
Charles Hickson on site circa 1973

Charles Hickson on site

Charles Hickson under hypnosis

Charles Hickson (right) speaking at a UFO convention

Charles Hickson with an artists impression of our encounter



Charles Hickson with his book UFO CONTACT AT PASCAGOULA

Me (Calvin Parker) pointing at a press photographer

A young looking Calvin Parker

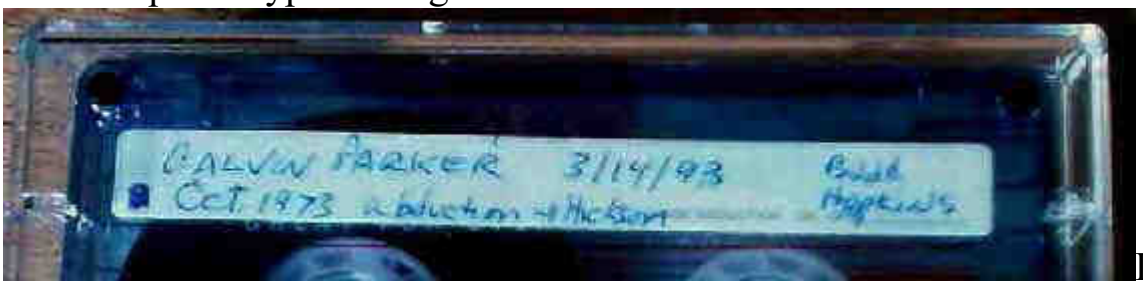
Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker being interviewed on TV

Charles Hickson & Calvin Parker

Dr. James Harder (left) and Dr. J.Allen Hynek (right)

Keesler Air Force Base (and below)

Calvin Parker (left) Debbie Jordan (middle) Budd Hopkins (right) Tape of Budd Hopkins hypnosis regression session with Calvin Parker in 1993



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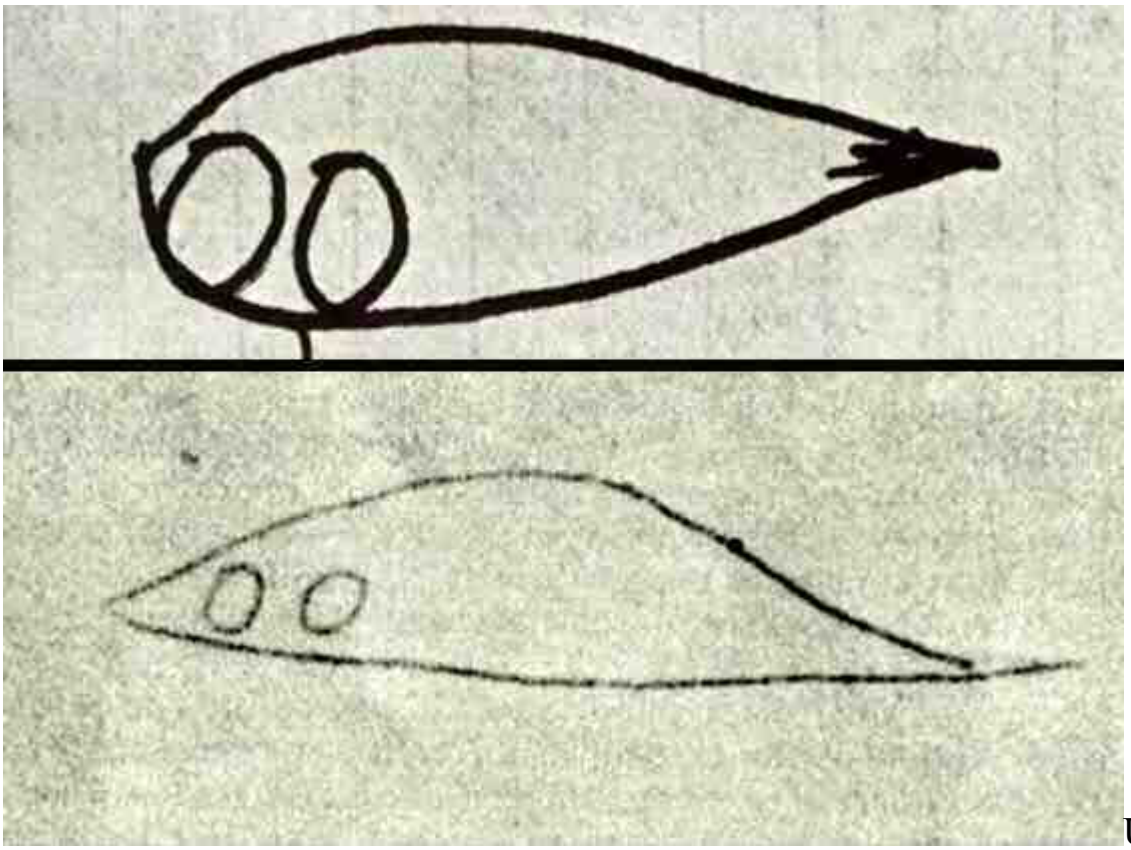
Ralph & Judy Blum's book UFO as described by Charles Hickson while under hypnosis


UFO as sketched by Calvin Parker, top in 1975, bottom on October 11th, 1973 on the police log Artist impression of the encounter (artist unknown)

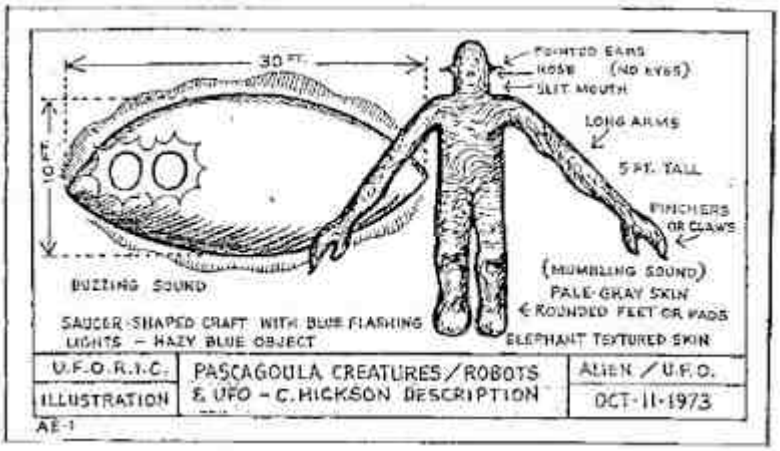


Illustration of the UFO

and one of the creatures (artist unknown)

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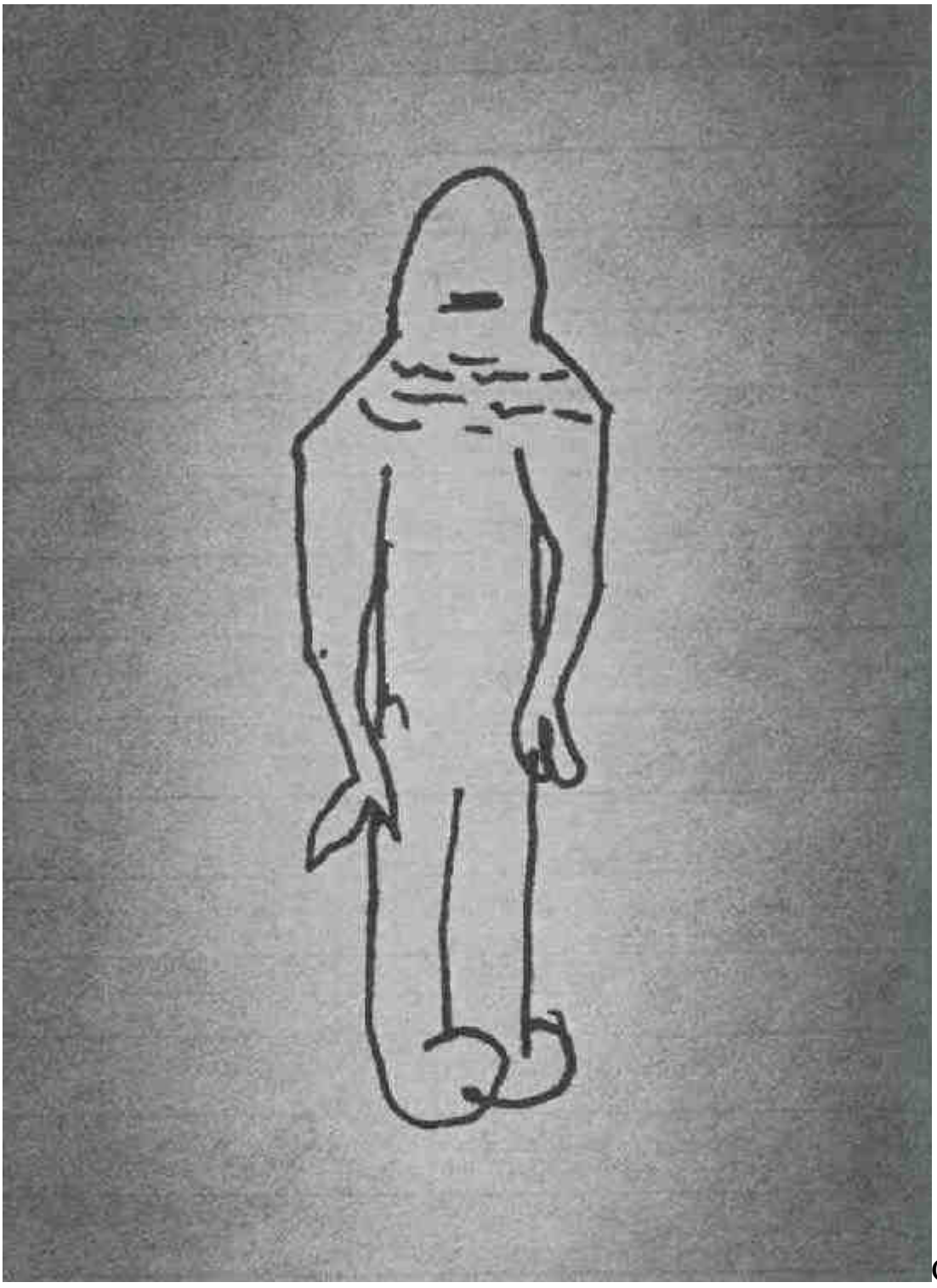
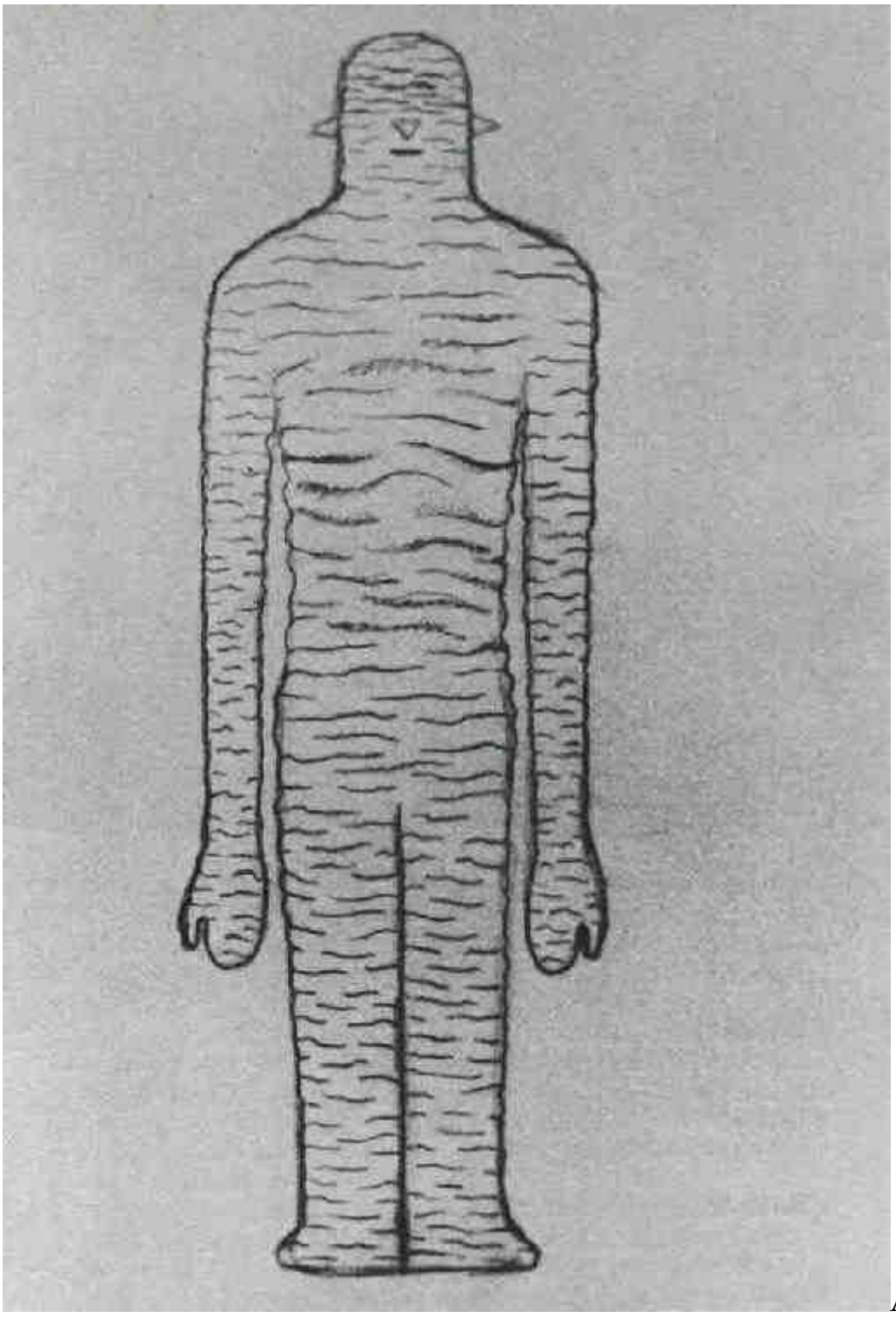
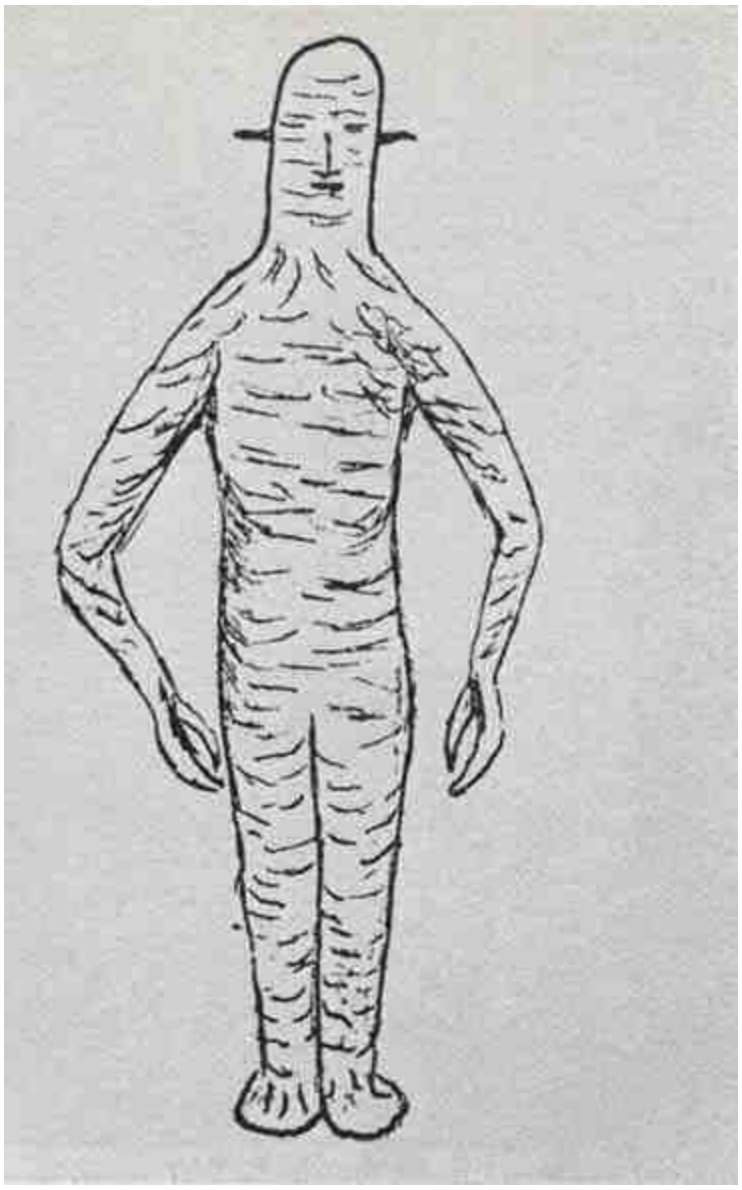


Calvin Parker’s first sketch of the creature made in April 1975



A complete sketch of the creature by artist Curtis Watkins. The height was just over five



feet and the color was grey
Jim Flint made this sketch within one week of the encounter

This model is based on a description of the creatures given by Charles Hickson

Charley Hickson and Calvin Parker

On the night of October 11, 1973 two very frightened men from Pascagoula, Mississippi presented themselves at the Jackson County Sheriff's department and told an incredible tale. Charley Hickson and Calvin Parker claimed that while they were fishing in a local river they were abducted by three bizarre robot-like creatures, taken aboard a UFO and physically examined.

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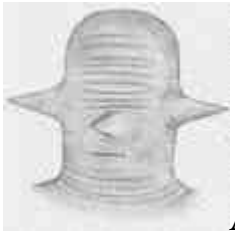
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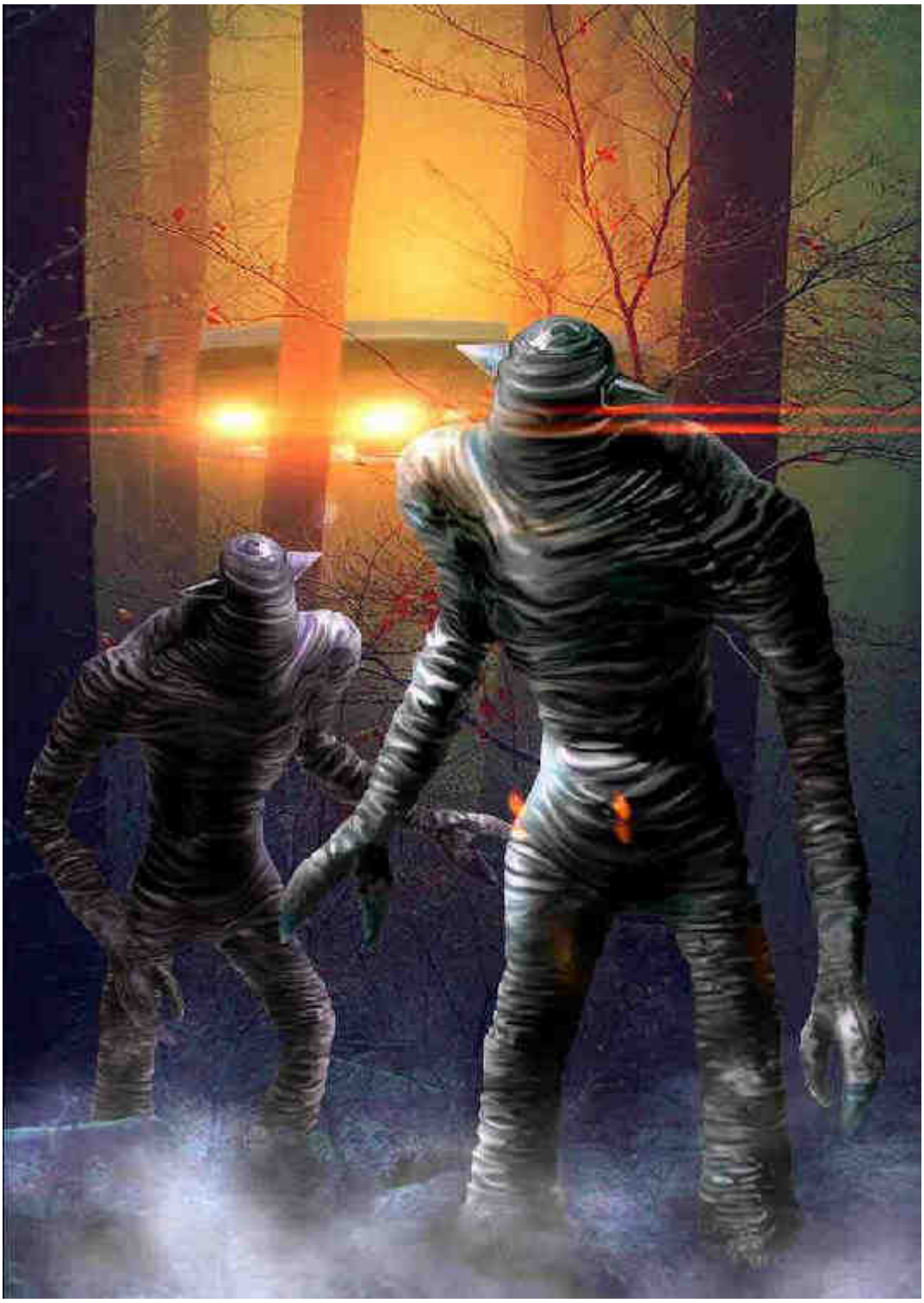
The creature as depicted in Ralph & Judy Blum's book

Another artists impression of the creature (artist unknown)



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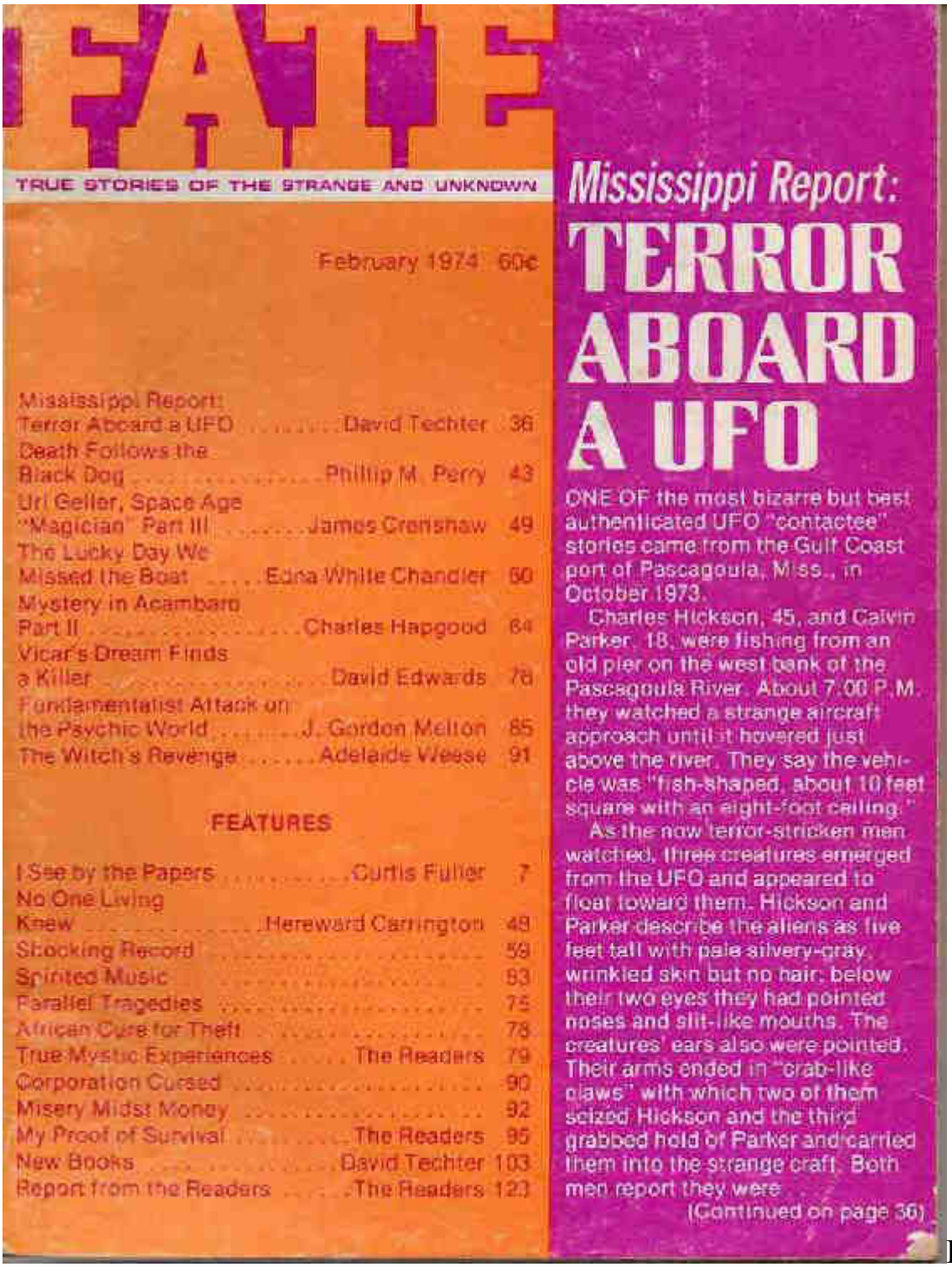
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ONE OF the most bizarre but best authenticated UFO "contactee" stories came from the Gulf Coast port of Pascagoula, Miss., in October 1973.
Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 18, were fishing from an old pier on the west bank of the Pascagoula River. About 7:00 P.M. they watched a strange aircraft approach until it hovered just above the river. They say the vehicle was "fish-shaped, about 10 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling."
As the now terror-stricken men watched, three creatures emerged from the UFO and appeared to float toward them. Hickson and Parker describe the aliens as five feet tall with pale silvery-gray wrinkled skin but no hair; below their two eyes they had pointed noses and slit-like mouths. The creatures' ears also were pointed. Their arms ended in "crab-like claws" with which two of them seized Hickson and the third grabbed hold of Parker and carried them into the strange craft. Both men report they were
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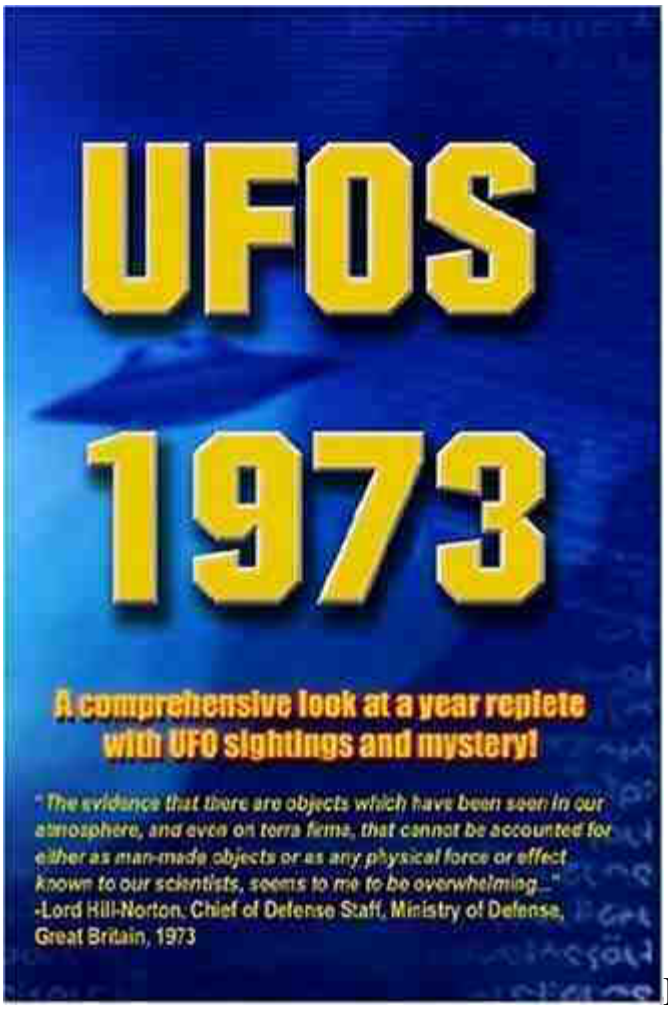
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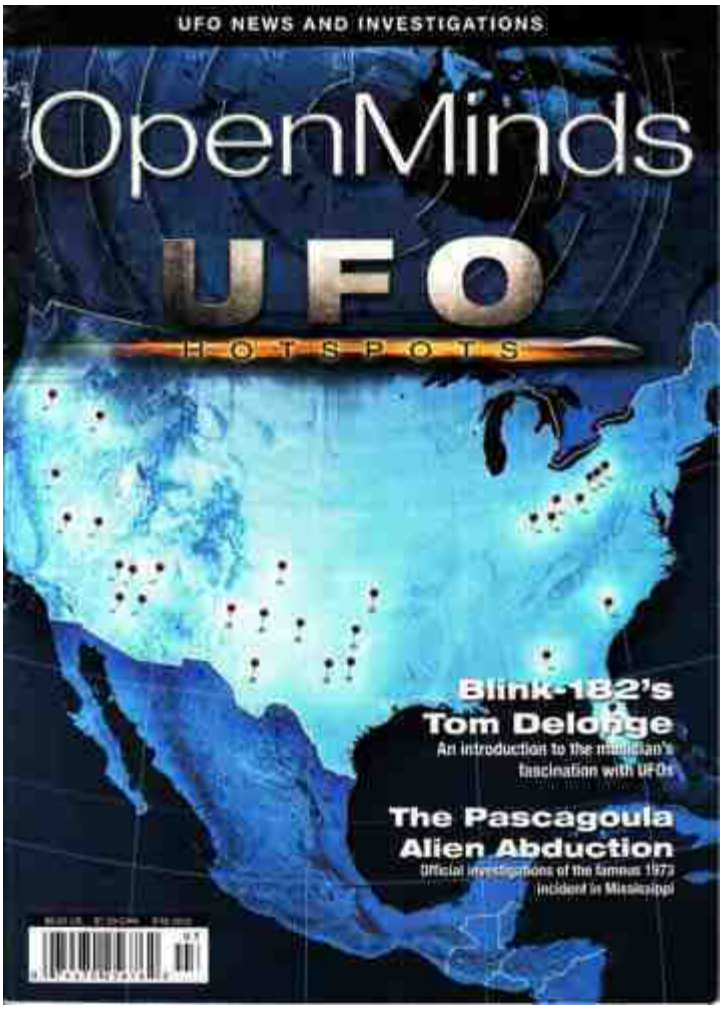

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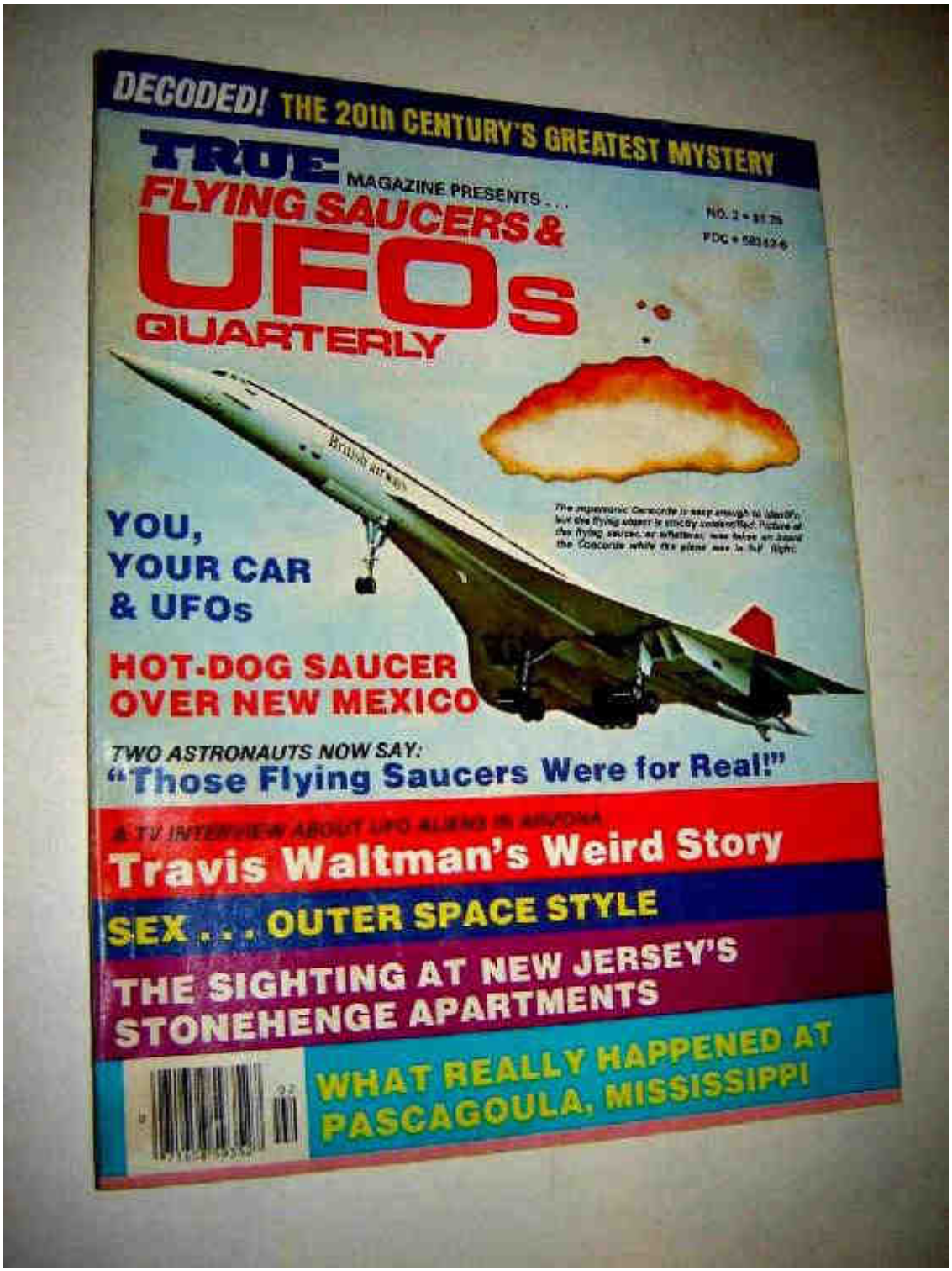
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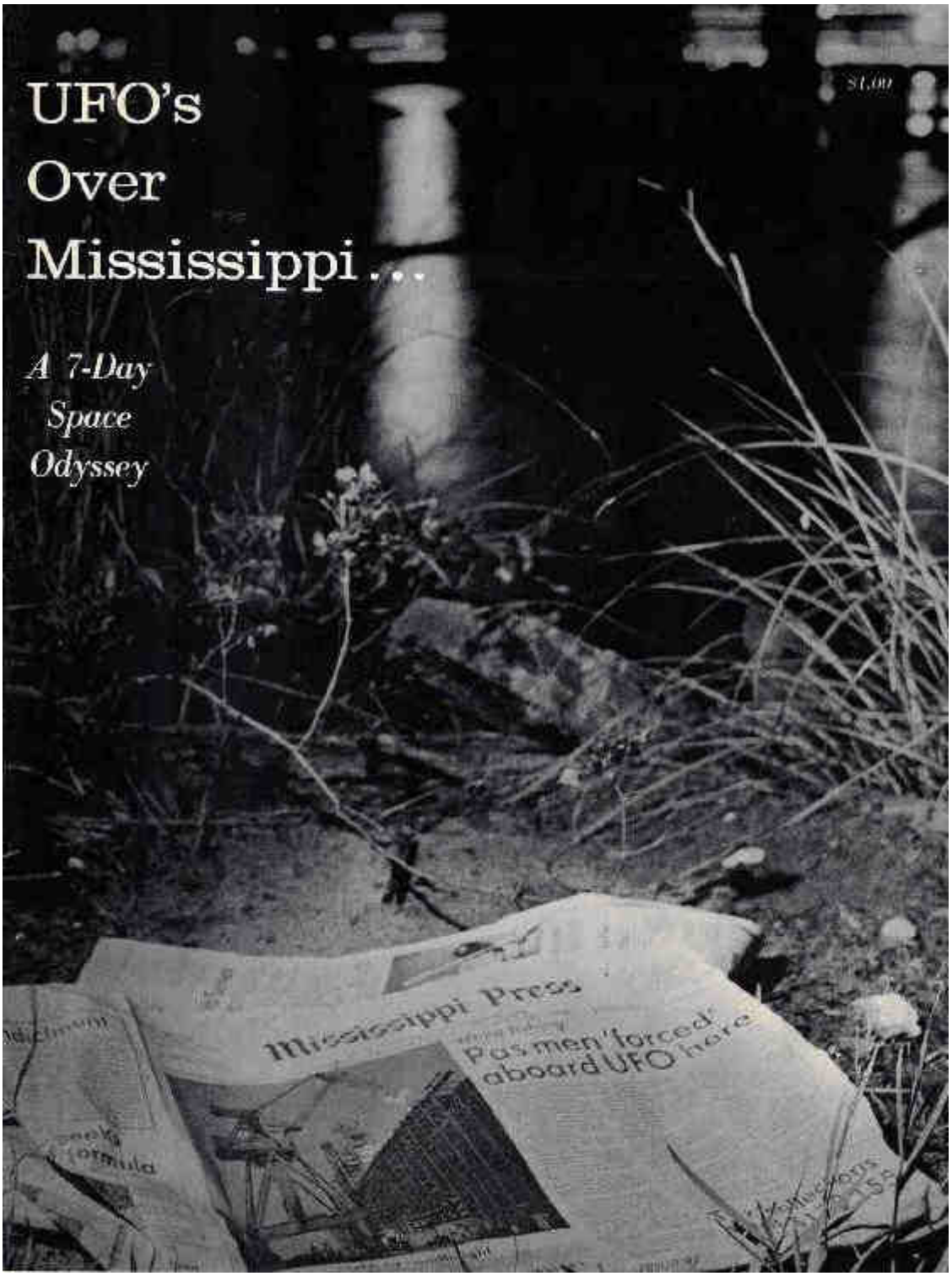
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EDITOR'S NOTE

". . . Pas Men 'Forced' Aboard UFO Here . . ." That was the headline in the October 12 edition of the MISSISSIPPI PRESS published at Pascagoula, Mississippi. It heralded the fantastic, mystery-book story of two Pascagoula area men (Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker) who reported being taken aboard an egg-shaped spacecraft piloted by three weird creatures from outer space. In the week that followed — "A 7 Day Space Odyssey" — the MISSISSIPPI PRESS and papers throughout the world reported in vivid words, photographs and drawings stories of dozens of other sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. By the time the week had ended, Pascagoula (a shipbuilding town that for years has sent hundreds of Naval and commercial ships to sea) had become a household word nation-wide. Pascagoula had become famous — not for ships-of-sea, but for its reports of ships-of-space! Reporters, scientists and UFO followers flocked to the area to see and hear for themselves what had really happened.

This booklet — "UFO's Over Mississippi" — is a collection of stories, pictures and drawings as compiled by the reporters and editors of the MISSISSIPPI PRESS. It has been published in the interest of those who may want a record of this nation's most recent "space odyssey".

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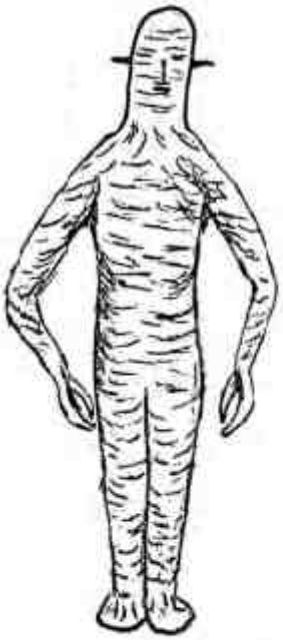

Artists drawing of space creature as described by Parker & Hickson.

"After thinking more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it."

—Charles E. Hickson

PHOTO RIGHT — An aerial photograph of an old abandoned shipyard (center of picture) on the west bank of the Pascagoula River. It was in this area that Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker reported they were taken aboard a spacecraft and examined by three weird creatures. Pascagoula's downtown business district can be seen in the upper part of the photograph.

"I want to emphasize to the people, please don't shoot at these things. They don't mean us any harm. I believe if they came back I could face them and try to communicate with them."

—Calvin R. Parker Jr.

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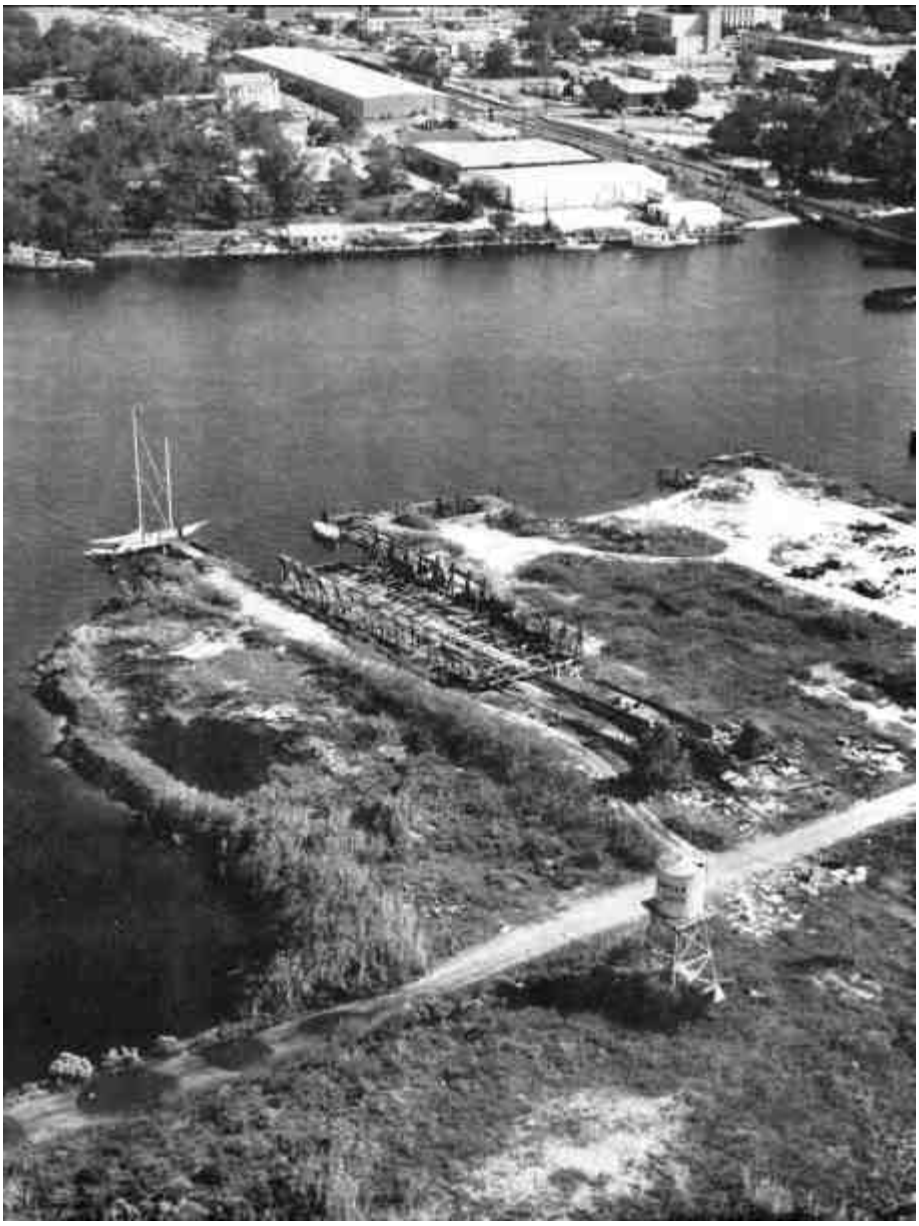


While fishing

Pas men 'forced' aboard UFO here

By MURPHY GIVENS

Weird creatures emerged from a hovering egg-shaped spacecraft and floated one foot in the air toward Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, who were fishing.

They took them by the forearms and floated with them back into the spaceship, where they placed them on a table and used a "gadget that looked like an eye" to examine them. The creatures were five feet high, had pointed ears, two eyes and "a hole below the eyes." One of them made a buzzing sound.

That was the statement two Pascagoula men told the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Thursday night.

Hickson, 45, a foreman at Walker's shipyard, told officers that he and Parker, an 19-year-old relative, were fishing from the wharf on the Pascagoula River near the old shipyard south of the toll bridge shortly after dark.

They told officers that the spaceship, which was described as being oblong, or egg-shaped, with a pulsating blue light, landed just above the water about 40 feet away.

Three creatures emerged from an opening in the front of the ship and moved across the water, they said. At this point, Hickson told officers, Parker fainted.

The creatures moved up to him (Hickson) and took him, gently he said, by the forearms and they floated him back into the opening of the spaceship. Their hands, he said, resembled pinchers.

Once inside the spaceship, he said they placed him on the examining table and used the "eye" to go over him head to toe. He said he had no sensations. He was not scared.

Only one of the creatures made a sound, Hickson told officers, and it was a buzzing noise. The others remained silent. Apparently, Parker was also taken into the craft, but Hickson said he was not aware of where Parker was. The younger boy was still unconscious.

After the examination, Hickson and Parker were taken back to the wharf where they had been fishing.

Hickson said he went to the car and took out a bottle of whisky that he keeps in the car and took a drink.

At first, the two decided not to tell anyone. "Ain't no use us reporting this," Hickson said he told Parker. "Won't nobody believe us."

But the two decided they had to tell someone and they stopped at the Mississippi Press offices. No newsmen were present, however, and they decided to go to the sheriff's office.

Captain Glen Ryder said he didn't believe the men at first. "I thought they were pulling my leg. The young boy (Parker) was scared to death. He was almost in shock."

The officer said he tried everything he knew to break their stories, but they persisted. He said he then placed them in a cell, which had a hidden tape recorder. They didn't know about the recorder, said Ryder.

"My God," Hickson said on tape. "I never seen anything like this in my life. My nerves are a wreck, I got to get out of here."

Ryder said Parker at this time was praying.

"I didn't believe their story at first," said Ryder, "but I do now, after I got them on tape."

"If they were lying to me, then they should be in Hollywood."

The officer said he contacted Hickson's wife, who told them that her husband sometimes would take a drink, but he never became inebriated.

They were not drunk, the officer said. He said he could smell whisky on Hickson's breath, but the man had told him he took a drink after they were freed.

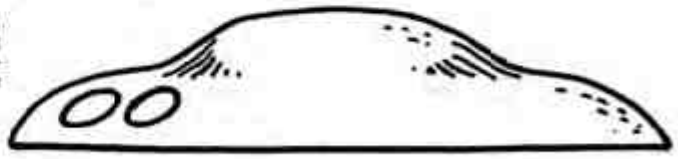
The captain said they received a report from Larry Booth, operator of a Standard service station on Hwy. 90at the intersection of Market St., who told them he saw a UFO about 8 p.m. headed east toward Mobile. He told officers it had a flashing blue light. Several sightings were reported to the sheriff's department from the Pinecrest area.

A scheduled press conference at 11:15 this morning was cancelled by the two men.

According to Sheriff Fred Diamond they have decided not to make any more public statements. The sheriff said the two "are willing to talk to federal officials."

Diamond said they also said they would like to go to Jackson to take a lie detectors' test.

"I believe they're sincere," Diamond said, "and I believe their story is true."



Mississippi Press artist's conception of craft

Taken from original drawing by Calvin Parker

Scientists term Pas UFO report as 'true'

By MURPHY GIVENS

Two area men who told that they were taken aboard a UFO here Thursday night were put under hypnosis Saturday by two scientists who have spent years studying reports of UFOs. Both doctors said the men were telling the truth, that they were indeed taken aboard "an extraterrestial craft."

Dr. James Harder, professor at the University of California and also associated with Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and Dr. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University of Chicago, spent about four hours with the two Gautier men.

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, spent several hours, separately, under hypnosis Saturday, reliving their strange story of being taken aboard a spaceship.

"These are not unbalanced people," said Dr. Hynek. "They're not crackpots."

"There was definitely something here that was not terrestial (of earth)," said Harder.

"Where they (ships from outer space) came from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," he continued, "but the fact that they are here (on this planet) is true beyond a reasonable doubt."

Both men agreed that the sighting and subsequent action of being taken aboard the UFO is probably one of the most dramatic ever recorded.

The doctors did not go into detail about the alleged spacecraft and pilots, but said the facts reported by the news media is substantially correct.

They emphasized that as far as they're concerned, Hickson and Parker did see strange wrinkled creatures with pointed ears, slits for eyes, a sharp nose and a hole below the nose.

About the unknown creatures that the shipyard workers reportedly saw, there were no additional details. Dr. Hynek did say that of all the close identification that has been recorded, there is some similarity and some difference between the spacemen of the past and the three five-foot high creatures Hickson and Parker described.

Dr. Hynek said there were 1,042 cases reported last year of various sorts, some of them included incredible tales.

Both doctors agreed that the government has been derelict in not keeping up with UFO investigations.

They said the Air Force's Blue Book Operation was not totally effective, but they maintained that it also helped soothe peoples' nerves and prevented an outbreak of mass hysteria, such as the one created by Orson Welles' broadcast in the 30s.

Dr. Harder said Parker and Hickson had faced experiences for which they were totally unprepared. He compared their experiences to that of an aborigine in Australia who is suddenly confronted by a jumbo jet.

Dr. Harder said their experience "was indeed a real one. It was no hallucination."

He said it would be practically impossible for the two men to simulate their feelings of terror while they were under hypnosis.

Neither of the two were willing to be hypnotized at first, he said, but agreed after two others in the room went under to show them it wouldn't hurt them.

Newsmen at the office of Walker's shipyard, where the hypnosis took place in an office room, were not permitted in the building. Newsmen were also not permitted to talk to Hickson and Parker.

The doctors discussed other cases of where "humanoids aboard UFOs" had been seen, and bemoaned the lack of money to investigate the phenomena.

Both men said they would have to return to their university duties, but said hopefully there would be local colleagues who would pursue the matter.

They requested that newsmen and others in the community not make light of Hickson and Parker. "They have been through a very trying experience," said Harder. "It's been terrifying."

A newsman asked if there was any evidence to suggest that the strange creatures from another planet, if that is the case, are hostile.

Harder said if a scientist picks up a laboratory rat that it will terrify the rat whether the scientist has harmful intentions or not.

He said there has been nothing to suggest that the UFO creatures have harmful designs.

In speaking of the craft, Harder said they must possess a technology far advanced from ours that can produce a vehicle that fly 20,000 miles an hour and not burn up.

"Let's hope their advanced technology has not been as destructive as ours," he said.

Dr. Hynek ended the interview on a plea that Hickson and Parker should not be ridiculed. "They had a very real and fightening experience."

Dr. Harder and Dr. Hynek

NASA to probe

By MURPHY GIVENS

Sheriff Fred Diamond said this morning that a scientist with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from Houston, Tex., is scheduled to arrive sometime this afternoon to talk to Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker about their alleged visit to a UFO.

Sheriff Diamond said he did not know the man's name or any other details except that he would be a representative of the government.

The information was the first that indicated federal officials are interested in the alleged sighting, since the Air Force closed the Blue Book project several years ago. The Blue Book, was the code name for the government's investigation of UFOs.

Government officials up to this point have only had a tenuous connection with the Pascagoula River incident. Hickson and Parker were examined at Keesler Air Force Base Hospital for possible signs of radiation Friday, but Sheriff Diamond said there were no signs of radiation.

The two Gautier men were also interviewed by three Air Force intelligence officials at Keesler, said Diamond, and government officials in Washington reportedly queried Keesler officials with the terse question: "What in hell is going on down there?" the sheriff said.

Two scientists called in this weekend have returned to their classroom duties after investigating one of the strangest stories ever told, which they said really happened.

Such investigations, said Hynek Saturday night, usually take up to six months to complete. But, he said, such investigations take money and neither he nor Harder could pursue the matter on their own.

The incident that was told by Parker and Hickson and believed as fact by the Jackson County sheriff's officials and the two scientists stirred up interest throughout the nation, despite the predominance of Agnew and his successor and the Mideast war.

The sheriff's office has been literally besieged by telephone calls from throughout the nation. News media in form of television cameras from New Orleans, Biloxi, Mobile and an NBC crew from Atlanta were on hand at various times throughout the weekend to report first-hand the strange story.

The two men who star in this sensational story have not been accessible to the press, mainly because they have been too upset and have said they didn't want the publicity.

Hickson and Parker did grant face-to-face interviews with NBC Saturday morning. It is not known when or if NBC will run the segment.

Harder and Hynek spent a number of hours Saturday and Sunday with the shipyard workers. Saturday, the two were subjected to hypnosis, where they were said to have screamed and cried in fear and they relived their purported capture by strange wrinkled creatures in human shape.

Under hypnosis Saturday, the 45-year-old Hickson and the 19-year-old Parker told detail by detail what happened on the banks of the Pascagoula River.

The two were fishing at the old Schaupeter shipyard, when Parker turned around to see an egg-shaped craft, bluish-gray in color with revolving blue lights.

Engineer believes UFOs have landed

A mechanical engineer from Scituate, Mass., has been dogging the tracks of UFO reports since 1966, he says, and he was one of many who showed up here this past weekend.

Stephen Putnam, who passed out name cards with U.F.O. Research printed on them, said he became friends with Barney and Bonnie Hill, subjects of a book early in the sixties about their purported experiences about an alien spacecraft.

Putnam, who works with Sidmar Enterprises in Medway, Mass., said he also investigated another UFO sighting in Massachusetts that later became the famous Incident At Exeter.

He belongs to the New England UFO Study Group in Quincy, Mass. The group, he says, is comprised of individuals who are more interested in UFO-watching than bird-watching.

Putnam said as far as he's concerned there is no doubt that Earth is being visited by spaceships from another world. He's interested in where and why.

As a mechanical engineer, Putnam is also interested what source of power the aliens use to move their spaceships through the Earth atmosphere at an incredible rate of speed. He has few theories, except that he believes they do not use nuclear or magnetic power.

Putnam said it's reassuring that all the UFOnauts have been described as "humanoids," or human-like in makeup. "I personally would not like to become friendly with an intelligent spider from outer-space."

Artist's conception
Of man from space
From Atlanta Constitution

Putnam
With UFO study group

Ask federal probe

Sighting reported on Biloxi highway

By MURPHY GIVENS

Air Force officials in Washington were appealed to for help involving the Pascagoula River Incident and subsequent sightings in the area.

Sheriff Fred Diamond said he talked to the Air Force Office of Information this morning and asked for their assistance in clarifying the UFO story that Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were taken aboard an alien spacecraft by unknown humanoids.

The sheriff's call for help followed a report in Gulfport that a cab driver was stopped on Highway 90 in Biloxi by a blue-colored spacecraft that stalled his taxi and a creature with a crab-like claw tapped on his window.

According to reports, the police were still investigating the claim.

The Biloxi sighting followed another account by Jackson County Deputy James Rawls, who told Sheriff Diamond that he saw what looked like a ball of fire moving west toward Vancleave late last night.

Diamond said the deputy was on routine patrol near the George and Jackson County line. He said the deputy told him the craft "moved real fast" across the river near the Singing River Estates.

Farther north, a Meridian newspaper reporter said he viewed a strange craft with oscillating lights Monday night.

Here in Jackson County, Sheriff Diamond said he was told by Air Force officials that they usually refer things like this back to local police and sheriff's departments.

"I told them I would go to the President if I have to, because people down here are entitled to know what is going on—people are beginning to panic."

John Lane of Gulfport, who has worked for Yellow Cab Company for a month, said he encountered a UFO after he took a passenger to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

Gulfport police said a cab company dispatcher called their office and gave the report, one of several received by police Monday night.

Lane said he saw a blue light coming in from the Gulf of Mexico heading inland. He said his taxi stalled and his radio went dead. Later, the object returned, Lane said, and landed on U.S. 90 in front of his taxi.

Mississippi Press artist's conception of craft

Taken from original drawing by Calvin Parker

Lane said he crouched on the seat of his taxi as the craft landed and that he heard heard a tapping sound on his windshield. He said he saw a flesh-colored creature with bright eyes and a crab-like claw.

Lane said his radio was dead and he did not look up again until another cab driver stopped.

In Meridian, Charles Tinnin said he stopped his car when he noticed what resembled a "red airplane warning light over my auto antenna."

Tinnin, a sports reporter for the Meridian Star, said he got out of his car and observed the object, which he said grew larger and stopped about 600 feet away.

"It hovered there for a while," he said, "then reversed direction and disappeared rapidly due west."

Tinnin said he set up camera equipment but that the object did not return. He said his newspaper and the police had received reports of sightings earlier.

The taxi driver's description of the craft and the shape of the creature resembled that given by the shipyard workers in Pascagoula earlier this week.

Diamond said his staff and Jackson County-area citizens "are convinced something is really happening, but what is happening? We want to know where they are from."

He said the Air Force spokesman said he would call back today and advise him

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'How they looked'

This is how the 5-foot-tall spacemen looked, according to Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker who said they were taken aboard a space craft. This drawing by Jim Flynt of Walker Shipyard was made as described by the men.

Hickson, Parker: robo

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A week ago Charles E. Hickson, 45, and Calvin R. Parker Jr., 19, local shipyard workers, told authorities three space creatures took them aboard a saucer-like spacecraft. On Thursday the two men gave the Mississippi Press the first extensive interview since the Pascagoula River Incident. In Hickson's living room in Gautier, the men gave their story to Mississippi Press editor Gary Holland. Here is their account, given primarily by Hickson with Parker consenting to the account.)

By CHARLES HICKSON
and CALVIN PARKER
As told to the Mississippi Press

We were fishing last Thursday night behind the old Shaupeter Shipyard building on the Pascagoula River. I turned to get some more bait when I heard a zipping sound.

I turned around and saw a spacecraft with bright, flashing, blue-looking lights. It just hovered without touching the ground.

It seemed to open up, but there really wasn't a door there at all. These three creatures came floating out toward us. I was so scared that I couldn't believe it was happening.

The creatures were pale, ghost-like, about five feet high. They were sort of light flesh-colored, or more pale gray, with crab-like claws for hands and rounded feet.

The creatures were on us before we knew it. Two of them seemed to lift me off the ground, and I became motionless and glided into the craft. (Parker said he passed out as he was carried into the craft.)

After I got inside I had no feelings. I was helpless, but I could still move my eyes.

It was real bright inside, but no particular color. There were no light fixtures but it was plenty bright.

Something big and round that I like a big eye moved back and forth my body. The two creatures mov around so that the eye could che in various positions. I just kind of f without touching anything. I didn any attachment for the eye. It wa kind of suspended in air.

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"After thinking more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it."

—Charles E. Hickson

UFOs bo

Why would they lan

By BILL CRIDER
Associated Press Writer

What boggles the mind, here at the center of the latest UFO craze, is not that there may be unknown worlds and civilizations far out in space.

Many Gulf Coast residents, weaned on Buck Rogers comic books or hours of Star Trek, do not quarrel with that theory.

"Twenty years ago who would have thought that we would walk on the moon?" a service station attendant shrugs.

So not everybody rejects the proposition that a space ship from out there dropped in here, apparently to examine the flora and fauna.

What boggles the mind is this: why, in all the world, would any sensible creatures want to land in old Schaupeter shipyard?

If space men tried to get an image of our civilization from a brief touch down there, they must be like the blind men feeling an elephant.

Their flora? The sunbleached skeleton of an old barge drydock on the bank of the Pascagoula River, flanked by a jumble of rusting auto hulks, empty bottles, beer cans, ugly plastic trash.

For fauna they had Charles Hickson, 45, a short, mild-mannered shipyard foreman with a monkish fringe around a bald pate, and Calvin Parker Jr., a shy, uncertain 19-year-old.

Their story, which made the latest UFO fever into the talk of the Gulf Coast, seems straight out of space fiction.

"It is the very stuff that those old Buck Rogers adventures were made of," said Coroner Benny Bryant, a nonbeliever. "A luminous space ship comes down nearby, three creatures float out, pick up these two, examine them inside the shi put them back. Oh, I got to see th my wife thinks there's something

"Though I'll be the laughing s the country, I'll tell what I seen," Hickson doggedly. "One of these d ks'll know it's true. It may be ta then."

It all happened, Hickson says, a last Thursday while he and Parke fishing off a decaying pier at the o yard. It lies just across the 100-ya river from Pascagoula. The giant of Ingalls Shipyard loom about a the south. Busy U.S. 90 is nearby north.

Nobody else saw the incident.

Hickson said he and Parker foun selves mysteriously paralyzed w strange beings floated toward the ing above the junk.

"There I was, me with just a s

Friday, October 19, 1973—Mississippi Press

:reatures are friendly

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I I think I fell over. The creatures

d Calvin Parker

didn't walk at all. Their legs stayed together and they floated.

After I have thought more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it. They didn't try to communicate with us.

I heard one of them make a buzzing sound. It might have been in contact with something somewhere else. I didn't see the opening in the front of the face move.

I didn't see anything that looked like eyes. There was someting pointing out like a nose and then an opening under this, but no eyes.

The craft which was t of rounded or oval, was about 8-10 feet vide and about 8 feet high.

It came upon us in a split second and it left with a zip. It was gone in a half second.

They were on us so quick we couldn't do anything. I doubt if we could have resisted them if we had tried to. I'm sure they are far more advanced than we are.

I know now that they didn't intend to hurt us physically. But I feared they were going to take us away.

I would like to emphasize that they don't mean us any harm.

I honestly believe other people will go through similar experiences. I think these creatures will continue to probe this earth. We haven't seen the last of it.

I have always said there almost had to be some life elsewhere. Now I am a firm believer.

Our lives will never be the same, but I felt we owed it to the people to tell what we saw. I don't believe I could live with it by myself. I believe we have done what is right.

The question I keep asking myself is, "why a countryboy like me?"

"I want to emphasize to the people, please don't shoot at these things. They don't mean us any harm. I believe if they came back I could face them and try to communicate with them."

—Calvin R. Parker Jr.

the mind

Thursday, October 18, 1973—Mississippi Press

at Shaupeter yard?

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officers.

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and shrieking.
"I got him back to his senses," he said.
'e got away from there. I said, 'Son,
't nobody going to believe this, let's
just keep it to ourselves.' But the more I thought about it, the more I thought some officials ought to know about it."

The first thing officials did was put both men on the intuximeter and check them for hallucinatory drugs.

They were sober, though Parker was reported on the verge of shock.

"I hadn't drank anything," Hickson told officers, in a recorded interrogation. "But in the 45 minutes before I decided to call you, I did drink then. I had to have something to settle my nerves before I could make up my mind. I had me three good shots of liquor."

A surprising number of Jackson County officers, though they may balk at space men, believe something wierd did happen.

"They aren't lying," said Deputy Howard Ellzey, chief investigator for Sheriff Fred Diamond. "I don't know what happened, but whatever it was, it was real to them. They have agreed to undergo lie detector tests."

He said the polygraph tests would be held in Jackson, but that no date was set.

Sheriff Diamond tried to pass the UFO problem on to Washington or to the Air Force but failed.

"I think the government should look into it, I'm being honest about that," he said.

At the Pentagon, Air Force officials said they stopped checking out UFO reports in 1969.

Ellzey said the nightly watch for UFOs and little space men deluged the office with hundreds of calls but there was one unexpected dividend.

"There hasn't been hardly a break-in or a burglary for two weeks," he said.

New sightings reported

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of any investigation by the Air Force. Keesler Air Force Base said its radar did not detect any unexplained objects Monday night.

"I think the President or somebody should look at this thing," Diamond said. "I haven't been to bed in 24 hours and we are all about worn out."

Diamond said one of his patrol cars reported an object in the north part of Jackson County "which resembled a bright light—like a fire" and that the deputy followed the object for several miles before it turned in the direction of Gulfport.

A drawing of a mosquito-looking creature that was the idea of an artist with the Atlanta Constitution was used on the front page of the Mississippi Press Monday. Officials at Walker's Shipyard, where Hickson and Parker are employed, said the sketch infuriated the two men.

The Press was furnished with a drawing made by Yard Superintendent Jim Flynt, who made several drawings before Hickson and Parker were satisfied with the likeness.

The two men worked part of a day Monday, but were off again this morning.

A Press reporter Monday talked to E. P. Sigalas, former Pascagoula city councilman, who said he and two others in a car saw Hickson and Parker's spacecraft last Thursday night.

He said he and Raymond Broadus and Jo Ann Hallmark were on their way to a church in Vancleave, where Broadus was scheduled to deliver the sermon that night, when they saw an object in the sky, about 1,500 feet away.

Sigalas said he noticed that it was luminous and asked Broadus if he thought it was a helicopter returning to Keesler Air Force Base.

Broadus, who is a probation and parole officer for this judicial district, said he had never seen an aircraft without running lights.

About then, said Sigalas, the craft became motionless. "That's our story and I guess we're stuck with it," Sigalas said.

Another sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object was reported Monday night, this time by a Pascagoula policeman and three citizens.

Patrolman Bill Gennaro was on routine patrol on Beach Boulevard about 11 p.m. Monday, when he spotted some cars parked on the west end of the beach and stopped to investigate.

He discovered Mrs. Irma Flynt, of 2415 Wilson Ave., and Miss Phyllis Flynt, of 2914 Normandy Court, talking and "just enjoying the fresh air." With the two women was young Mark Flynt.

Gennaro said in his report that he asked the women jokingly if they had seen any "moonmen," and then chatted for a while with them.

"About that time," his report reads, "Phyllis Flynt said, 'Look at that!'

"We all looked where she had pointed and saw what happened to be a blue haze due south of us over the Gulf. It traveled . . . in a northwesterly direction over the shipyard. It stopped when it had made a 180-degree trip and was due north of us, approximately over the highway.

"The it hovered a second and headed back in the same area, got halfway back and went out of sight approximately over the grain elevator. It was oblong shaped, made no noise at all, and the entire flight took under three minutes."

The state has had numerous sightings of UFOs over the past several weeks.

Keesler doctor: no radiation found

By WALTER SKUPIEN

"They experienced a very traumatic event," Tommy R. Blann commented following an interview with Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, both of Gautier, who reported last Thursday that they had been taken aboard a UFO here.

Blann, deputy director of International UFO Bureau, Inc., of Oklahoma City, Okla., talked to the two men Sunday.

An architectural draftsman, Blann travels throughout the United States tracking down information concerning the spotting of unidentified flying objects.

He lives in Marlin, Tex.

Blann arrived in Pascagoula over the weekend to check out the incident.

He reported that there was no physical evidence at the landing site on the west bank of the Pascagoula River. But he did not rule out that such an incident occurred.

"They (Hickson and Parker) were very hypertensive," Blann said. "They were nervous and their body temperature was cold."

Blann said the two men were hesitant to talk about the incident.

"There's no fabrication, the two men have had a very real experience," he said.

In an interview at the Mississippi Press offices, Blann played a tape of an interview with Col. Robert E. Smith, Keesler Air Force Base medical examiner, who checked out Hickson and Parker for radiation.

"The two men were not given a complete medical examination," Col. Smith said. "They were brought here (to Keesler) for two reasons."

Smith indicated that the two men did not show any signs of radiation contamination. He also indicated that the men wanted to tell security police their story.

"They thought our people were the experts and wanted to give the government a statement," Smith said.

"Both men were obviously depressed and frightened," Smith said. "They did not look like they were fabricating nor did they act hysterical."

"We truly believed they had suffered under some type of frightening experience. We were convinced they were not lieing nor seeking publicity," he said.

Smith indicated that he has been at Keesler for a little over a year but knew that there had not been any reports of this type for the past eight years.

Blann, whose UFO organization is headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., said his group was interested in any sightings information about UFOs.

Tommy Blann
UFO prober

Wednesday, October 17, 1973 Mississippi Press

Youths report sighting UFO

Federal government will not get involved

By MURPHY GIVENS

The federal government will not get involved in the Pascagoula River Incident since it has discontinued investigations of UFO reports.

That was the statement Tuesday from a source in the Air Force information office in Washington who said UFO investigations were called off in 1969.

Capt. Dennis Parker, who said he checked with higher authorities in the Pentagon, said the Air Force would only investigate if there was a direct threat to national security.

"Nothing has taken place to threaten our national security," the Air Force officer said in a telephone interview.

Parker was contacted by Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond who said he would go as high as the President "because people down here are entitled to know what is going on. People are beginning to panic."

Parker said he talked to Sheriff Diamond "who was rather anxious and concerned and felt the Air Force might want to reconsider and re-open the investigation."

Parker said he would contact experts in the area who might want to continue the investigation of the Pascagoula River Incident, which has now gained worldwide attention.

He said he would contact the Astronomy Department at Tulane University and perhaps the Federal Aviation Administration in New Orleans.

Parker said he is not personally familiar with the details of the UFO report here, but did say it might could be explained as a reflection from the planet Venus or an airplane that strayed off course. He did agree that he might have a tough time convincing Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, who said they were taken aboard the craft on the banks of the Pascagoula River at the old abandoned Schaupeter Shipyard.

The Air Force captain said the Project Blue Book (an investigation into the UFO phenomena by the University of Colorado, under a grant by the federal government) was discontinued in 1969 after investigating more than 12,000 cases over a 20-year period.

He said the study came to the conclusion that we are not being threatened by aliens from another world and that there was no substantial evidence to prove that UFOs represented extraterrestrial technological developments.

On questions that the Air Force and the government might have reasons for UFO information to be kept under wraps, Parker said the study was made by a university and could only be questioned in that context.

In the meanwhile, UFO reports have reached into the hundreds and possibly thousands throughout the country, mainly however in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Ohio.

Here in Jackson County, near the juncture of the George County line and the Alabama state line, two 18-year-old boys claim they shot at a gray-blue craft that came directly over their heads at tree-top level.

Ira Lundy, 18, an employe at Ingalls East Bank, said he and Frankie Pierce, 18, an employe of Tanner Dairy in George County, were standing near the barn several hundred feet from Lundy's home when they saw the craft come in from the east.

Lundy said he fired his 12 gauge shotgun and then the two ran.

He said they looked back over their shoulder and watched the craft wobble from side to side.

The craft was described as oval in shape, with the bottom like the bottom of a saucer, the middle rim contained lights around the craft and the top was like a flat pie.

Lundy and Pierce said it hovered over an open field of soybeans less than a hundred yards from their position, while they were retreating back toward Lundy's home.

Pierce said the craft made a sound like air going through a hose. "I know it's true now," he said.

Lundy said, "It ain't bull. It's something real. I had my doubts about it, but not now."

Lundy's sister, who lives across the street was away at the time, but she returned shortly after noon. The sighting occurred at about 9:30 in the morning.

Sighted craft

Frankie Pierce (left) and Ira Lundy reported they saw a spacecraft Tuesday near their home in the Tanner Williams community. (Mississippi Press Photo by Tim Wilson)

Motion to make UFO landings illegal fails

OCEAN SPRINGS—The mayor and board of aldermen in Tuesday's meeting refused to pass a motion that would have made it illegal for UFOs to land here.

Alderman William F. Dale Jr. spoke on "a great deal of public concern about UFOs." He moved to make it illegal for UFOs to land in the city, with the police department to enforce the ruling.

"Our citizens can sleep better," Dale pleaded. But when the vote came, two voted for, two against and one abstained.

Mayor Tom Siennis broke the tie, voting no, saying, "Let's welcome them."

'57 UFO spotter believes incident

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A Mississippi policeman says two men who reported being taken aboard a strange space craft were not drunk, but a man who reported seeing one 15 years ago said his friends weren't so sure.

Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker said they were taken aboard a strange craft from outer space near Pascagoula, Miss., last week.

Capt. Clarence H. Waring Jr., was commander of the Coast Guard cutter Seabago when it reported radar contact and visual sighting of a UFO in 1957.

"We got a lot of radiotelephone calls inquiring about our report," he said Monday in an interview. "Then they'd laugh and ask us something like 'What brand are you all drinking.'"

Waring said he was not on the bridge when the radar operator reported contact with an object circling the ship at more than 1,000 miles per hour. He said the contact was reported to the officer on the bridge, who—along with several seamen on deck—sighted "a point of light" were radar said it would be.

"They reported what they saw," Waring said. "They weren't the type to give a bad report."

Waring said there was no hysteria among the crew members. "They were excited, sure. We had been on patrol for a while, and it was more in the nature of just something to break the monotony."

But, he said, his friends greeted the report with "skepticism and humor."

"They believed we had actually seen what we reported, but they joked about it," he said.

Waring said that having once been the target of skepticism doesn't make him any more or less ready to believe Hickson and Parker.

"I don't know how to feel about them," he said. "I don't discount the possibility of extraterrestrial visits, but I'm not convinced, either."

Following the Seabago's refueling stop at Pensacola, Fla., the Air Force interviewed the crew and, Waring said, "discounted the whole thing as natural phenomena."

balloons prompt new reports

Weather research balloons have prompted a new rash of reports of unidentified flying objects throughout the South and UFO-bugged authorities are bracing for more reports today and Friday.

At least two offices of the National Weather Service reported separate launchings of weather balloons Wednesday.

A huge baloon, 150 feet in diameter, was launched at Palestine, Tex., and authorities say it drifted over Mississippi at a constant 50,000-foot altitude. The weather service at Montgomery, Ala., also reported launching a balloon with an altitude reaching about 85,000 feet.

Many of the sightings occurred after the sun had gone down but a spokesman at the National Weather Service in Macon, Ga., explained the sun's light would reflect off the balloon long after dusk because of the high altitude of the object.

Meanwhile, officials at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida have announced high atmospheric rocket tests today and Friday and cautioned that the rockets could easily be mistaken for UFOs.

Rockets may cause reports

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Those reports of unidentified flying objects being sighted in Louisiana, Mississippi and other areas may increase this week—this time for a very real reason.

The Air Force said it began Tuesday night launching a series of high altitude rocket probes from Eglin AFB, in north Florida, to study upper atmospheric conditions.

A spokesman said the probes will release a chemical payload which produces a colored cloud.

"Ionization of this cloud by sunlight produces a gradual color change. The colors most readily visible will include red, yellow and blue," the Air Force said.

The rockets were to be launched the first three nights at 6:50 p.m., and at 5:50 a.m. Friday.

Officials said the test cloud may be visible as far east as the Carolinas and as far west as south Texas.

The most recent UFO report in Louisiana came late Tuesday night from two radio newsmen and a police officer who told of watching two triangular objects hovering over Springhill, La.

Each of the red, green and yellow objects took a turn hovering over the city, they said, then sped off in different directions.

Injury sustained

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Authorities at Charity Hospital said Robert Dupas, 27, was in the surgical intensive care unit Tuesday night with head injuries he received when struck by a police car.

Police said Dupas, of New Orleans, was using binoculars to look for unidentified flying objects Monday night on an Interstate 10 overpass here when he walked into the path of a car driven by Patrolman William Brown of the Ecology Squad.

A police spokesman said Brown was parked on the overpass when he saw what appeared to be someone "shining rabbits."

UFO reported north of Springs

OCEAN SPRINGS — The police department here reports officers in two patrol cars watched a UFO about two miles north of here at 11:48 p.m. Tuesday night.

About six calls were also received about the UFO from residents of St. Martin Circle around the same time.

Patrolmen Orville Gooksby and Paul Barger called in that they saw the object about two miles behind the Spring Plaza Shopping Center.

According to reports the object was brightly lighted about 1,000 feet up, moving west at a high rate of speed.

UFO roundup

Cars jam I-10 after UFO report

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police switchboards buzzed with reports of lighted objects blinking and blurring in the Alabama sky Wednesday night while 3,000 Mobile area residents blocked Interstate 10 seeking a rendezvous with flying saucers.

State police said more than 1,000 cars travelled in a caravan to a spot near the Alabama-Mississippi line some 16 miles west of Mobile, hoping to see the unidentified flying objects which have been recently reported across the Southeast.

The cars completely blocked the westbound lane of the highway for about an hour. At one point, troopers said the traffic situation was "out of control", but cars were reported moving smoothly before midnight.

Meanwhile, there were reports of UFOs being seen in Bullock and Shelby counties and in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Gadsden.

The Mobile caravan began with a news report on WKRG-TV, Mobile, that a woman who claims to be in contact with UFO s had predicted that they would be at a certain spot Wednesday night.

Bill Haney, news director at WKRG-TV, said Wednesday that the woman, whom he would not identify, had sent a reporter to a spot Tuesday night where he saw a bright "pure white" light flash on for 10 seconds and then flash off. The reporter took eight seconds of film of the light, Haney said.

Haney told viewers watching his Wednesday evening broadcast that anyone who wanted to join the station's reporter that night could do so. He said later that he expected "a couple of people" to show up.

Instead, more than 1,000 cars gathered near the station's downtown headquarters and followed the reporter out Interstate 10. State police said they received no reports of any sightings at that spot Wednesday night.

State troopers were investigating the possibility that a "yellowish glow" which troopers and residents observed in Bullock County could have been a weather balloon released earlier in the night by the National Weather Service at nearby Montgomery.

Troopers in Shelby County were also looking into reports of four objects changing colors from blue to red to yellow to green.

Tuscaloosa police said they had about 100 calls during the night but no confirmed sightings. And police in Gadsden said they had several "prank" calls about UFOs.

Everybody's calling about the spacemen

Unidentified flying objects—currently a juicy conversation topic in Mississippi—once again kept telephones ringing at police stations and news media offices throughout the state.

"We can't get any work done," complained Scott Peterson, a newsman at WLOX-TV in Biloxi. "The phones stay tied up all the time."

As soon as darkness fell Wednesday night, people in many parts of the state went outside to stare skyward. It didn't take long for law officers and newsmen to hear about it.

Pascagoula police reported more than 100 calls by 8:15 p.m. A police spokesman, asked at midnight about the number of UFO calls, simply replied, "We don't have an adding machine that goes that high."

AF doesn't study UFO's

By JUDY JOHNSON

"We are out of the UFO business and have been since 1969. The Air Force has not, is not now and does not plan to be investigating the UFO reports."

That statement, issued today by Col. James Howell of the public information office at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, sums up the Air Force's general attitude toward recent reports of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Officials at both Keesler and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida declined to speculate on whether or not there was any truth to the reports — or whether Gulf Coast citizens were in any potential danger.

"Whenever we receive reports of UFOs we refer the people to their local law enforcement agencies if they feel threatened," Lt. Iris Galen of Eglin's public information office said. "If they want a scientific investigation conducted, we refer them to their nearest university. The Air Force is simply out of the UFO business."

According to Howell, the only contact the Air Force has had with the latest rash of sightings came with the initial report by Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker.

"The Air Force is not investigating the local UFO sighting," Howell said. "Our only involvement was to check out these two people (Hickson and Parker) for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Friday night when the sheriff's people asked for a radiation check of the men."

Howell added that the radiation tests conducted by Keesler proved negative; there was no evidence of radiation on the two men.

The Air Force may be out of the UFO business, but it is still in the business of testing atmospheric conditions. A series of such tests is scheduled to begin tonight in the area of the Gulf of Mexico, and Eglin officials are worried that the results of those experiments may cause even more alarm among area residents.

It seems the night sky is going to glow with a lot of strange colors during the experiments.

"A series of high altitude probe launches producing a variety of colors in the sky will begin Thursday evening," Lt. Galen said, "over the Gulf of Mexico.

"The probe launches, conducted by the Armament Development and Test Center here, are designed to study upper atmospheric conditions. Upon reaching the desired altitude, the probe will release a chemical payload such as trimethyl aluminum, which will produce a colored cloud.

"Ionization of this cloud by sunlight reduces the gradual color change. The colors most readily visible will include red, yellow and blue."... Several of the UFOs sighted by coast residents lately have been described as being "hazy blue" in color, and the officials at Eglin are anxious to have folks understand that any blue clouds you see Thursday might be their experiments.

"The first three launches are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. while the fourth is scheduled for 5:50 a.m. Friday in order to gather the specific scientific data required the existing weather and atmospheric conditions must meet certain criteria."

According to Lt. Galen, this series of tests was originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, but was called off.

Sheriff's view

'They had a dreadful experience'

Sheriff Diamond: 'Phones busy 24 hours a day'

Seven days after Jackson County was thrust into a week of space odyssey by reports of flying saucers and weird creatures, County Sheriff Fred Diamond said he has no "private or public" opinion about whether the reports are true or false.

"The responsibility of the sheriff's department is not to prove people right or wrong in their complaints," Diamond said. "It is our responsibility to use all available resources to investigate complaints—and that has been our objective during the past week."

In an interview on Wednesday, Sheriff Diamond gave a step-by-step account of his department's activities since 11 p.m. last Thursday when two area men told a mystery-book story of having been lifted aboard a space ship as they fished on the Pascagoula River. That report—a week ago today—was the first of more than 2,000 calls that jammed the switchboard at Sheriff Diamond's office. Most of the calls were from news reporters from around the world, but dozens were from area citizens who also wanted to report the spotting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

"I feel it is important that the public fully understand the sheriff department's role and our position in this situation," Diamond said.

He gave this account of what has taken place:

"It was about 11 p.m. last Thursday (Oct. 11) when the call came in from Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker. I was in the docket room at the time, but Deputy Glenn Ryder took the call. Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker told Glenn what they had experienced. They said they were taken aboard a spaceship, examined for about 40 minutes and released unharmed.

"Glenn listened. He got what details he could over the phone and told the two men to wait where they were until he picked them up. When the men arrived at the sheriff's office, the very first thing they asked for was a lie detector test. They said they hesitated to call the autorities because they feared their story would not be believed. They were frightened. They wanted help. They said they just had to tell their experience to someone.

"For several hours that night we listened to what both men had to say. We questioned them separately. Then, we placed them together in a room and monitored their conversation. Their stories—told individually and together—were the same. To them, their experience was real. They showed it emotionally.

"Our objective was to hear the men out. To listen to their complaint—in the same way we would listen and investigate any was to check out, as best we could in a case like this, what these men said happened to them.

"In a case such as this, there is always a great deal of public speculation about what really happened. The sheriff's department has no private or public opinion about what really happened. Our position when we received the complaint was that Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker were citizens asking for help. And, we tried to help as best we could.

"We have received reports of UFOs throughout the week. The phones have been busy 24 hours a day. I estimate that we have received more than 2,000 calls from news reporters from around the world wanting information and from people in the area who wanted to report a sighting. The calls came in from every corner of the United States.

"Throughout this situation we made every attempt to bring the federal government into the case. The Air Force, which until 1969 had the responsibility for reported UFOs, told us that there was nothing they could do unless human life was in danger.

"It is certainly unfortunate that the situation occurred. Unfortunate for Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker who underwent a dreadful experience of some kind—an experience that was very real to them. And, it has been unfortunate for our entire community because the situation has caused a great deal of concern."

Weather grounds UFOs

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — "I guess they're grounded by the weather," a Harrison County deputy joked as sightings of unidentified flying objects slackened somewhat along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Officials in Jackson County said they had had "five or six" reports of UFOs Tuesday night, but none had been confirmed. The Harrison County Sheriff's Office said no sightings were reported.

UFO reports reached their zenith Monday night, including one man reporting that a creature had tapped on his windshield after his car stopped on U. S. 90.

John Lane of Gulfport, a taxi-driver for a month, said he encountered a UFO after taking a passenger to the government base. Lane said he saw a blue light coming in from the Gulf of Mexico heading inland.

He said his taxi stalled and his radio went dead. Lane said the object returned later and landed on U. S. 90 in front of him.

The cab driver said he crouched on the seat of his taxi and he heard a tapping sound on his windshield. Lane said he saw a flesh-colored creature with bright eyes and a crab-like claw.

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Incident is retraced week after happening

(Editor's Note: Mississippi Press reporter Murphy Givens has covered the Pascagoula River Incident for seven days. Here is his summary of the UFO incident according to the details provided.)

By MURPHY GIVENS

Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were fishing near the grain elevator and only had two flathead catfish to show for their efforts.

They decided to move down the the old abandoned Schaupeter Shipyard and try their luck there. Hickson told Parker he didn't expect they'd catch anything. The tide's not right, he said.

No fish and an hour later, Parker heard a zzzzip noise and turned to see a luminous craft, blue-gray in color about 40 feet behind him.

Both men were standing on the iron pier nearest the highway bridge when they noticed the craft.

The craft was stationary, about a foot or more off the ground, in open space directly in front of a pile of old refrigerators, stoves and assorted junk.

As the two men watched, dumbfounded, three creatures moved through a mysterious opening in the front of the ship.

The creatures had very sharp ears, angled outwards, narrow slits for eyes, a sharp nose similar but still unlike a human nose, hands that resembled crab claws, and round feet like an elephant's, with a marked absence of toes. The creatures were flesh like to pale white in color. Their skin, or spacesuits or whatever, was said to be very wrinkled.

Two of the creatures touched Hickson and he became weightless. The other creature reached for Parker, and the 19-year-old fell forward, in a dead faint.

As two of them maneuvered Hickson back into the craft, the other carried Parker.

Inside, Hickson was taken into a ten by ten room by himself. Parker ostensibly was taken into a similar room, although he remembers nothing.

Hickson was placed in a reclining position, lying about a foot or two above the floor of the spacecraft, on thin air. With the two creatures in attendance, a large optical-like instrument "came out of the wall" and was used to examine him.

After they had examined him on the front side, the two creatures turned him over, still in mid-air, and examined him lying face down. Then, they turned him at about a 45-degree angle with his feet pointed downward. He, nor the creatures, ever touched the floor or walls of the ship. It had a luminous shine, although Hickson could see no light fixtures of any kind.

The walls were gray, smooth, with no corners, no seams, no joints, or other signs of construction.

The men were inside the strange craft for 15 or 20 minutes, although Hickson said later that a minute would have seemed like eternity.

After the examination, the two men were taken back to the iron pier and with a zzzzzip, the spaceship was gone.

After Charles Hickson had spilled his coffee Friday morning after the incident, and cried, he told this story to Danny Davis, the welding foreman at F. B. Walker & Sons Shipyard.

Davis said he knew that something was wrong with Hickson, but didn't know what.

"I asked him what was bothering him," said Davis, "and he wouldn't tell me."

"You wouldn't believe me anyway," Davis said Hickson told him.

"He was so nervous," Davis continued, "and Parker kept holding himself and rubbing his arms."

"Finally," Davis said, "he started to tell me and tears came into his eyes."

After hearing the strange story, the welding foreman took Hickson and Parker to the front office, where they again retold their story to Oliver Bright, manager, and Jim Flynt, acting yard superintendent.

All three men believe the story.

"If it had happened to someone else, someone I didn't know," said Flynt, "I would never have believed it. But I know Charlie and I know he's telling the truth."

Hickson and Parker are both from Tucker's Crossing in Jones County, near Laurel. Parker's father, Calvin Parker Sr., still lives in Jones County.

Flynt said Hickson has been working at Walker's for a year. He had been employed at Ingalls Shipbuilding. Parker, a family friend of Hickson, came down about two months ago and started work at Walker's.

Bright said Hickson would drink a beer on Friday afternoon, "like about everyone else down here," but insisted that the Gautier resident is not an alcoholic, or even close to the word. He said Parker doesn't drink at all.

Since the incident a week ago, the two men have worked part of two days. They started to work on Friday, but were too nervous and upset, said Bright.

They worked Monday, but were still in a nervous state.

Tuesday night, Parker had nightmares about the creatures, Flynt related.

And they have both been subjected to intense media pressure to grant interviews. National network television crews have been most persistent, Bright said.

One network told Hickson they would plant 40 reporters at his door and keep pounding until he granted them an interview.

The two men now pass a small leaflet, printed:

"We do not want to talk to anyone, or be interviewed by anyone, at this time, about our recent UFO experience.

"Our lawyer, Mr. Joe Colingo, will arrange a public interview during next week.

"Until then, please do not invade our privacy. We need to rest and also work." It was signed by Charles E. Hickson and Calvin R. Parker Jr.

'Saucer' said weather balloon

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)—An unidentified flying object that landed in the Renfroe community in Talladega County Monday night has been identified.

Deputy Tom Taylor said the sheriff's office was flooded with calls about a "flying saucer." When he arrived on the scene, he said, he saw a strange object in a tree.

"There was a small projectile hanging from the bottom which made it look like a miniature space ship," he said.

Taylor said he told onlookers to stay away because the thing might be dangerous. He went to it himself and opened a small pouch hanging down.

A message inside read:

"U.S. Department of Commerce, National Weather Service. If found please mail to 451 Ruby St., Joliet, Ill."

Officials at the weather service office in Birmingham said it was a weather balloon.

And Talladega County Chief Deputy Paul Locke added this comment:

"For all I know, the thing could have been reported 100 times as a UFO on its way from Illinois."

UFO: Victim Vows He's Telling Truth

By SANDRA BAXLEY
The Mobile Press
For The Associated Press

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — He's not a tall man, and 42 years of life and hard work have given an almost imperceptible stoop to his shoulders.

But Charlie Hickson still speaks in the same calm Southern drawl he did three months ago when he became the center of nationwide attention.

And in that drawl he still vows he was telling the truth about being taken aboard a UFO that October evening.

"I've done everything I can to prove I'm telling the truth," he says. "Though God knows I wouldn't want to go through it again."

Charlie was one of two men who started a national hubbub last fall when they made their way into Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond's office one night muttering incoherently about boarding a UFO. The other was Calvin Parker Jr., 19.

News media and UFO watchers converged on this friendly gulfside town, training cameras and recorders or anything that moved and looked official.

UFO sightings, which had been scattered for several days, increased tenfold.

And near panic resulted.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Barney Mathis recalls with disbelief how he couldn't get away from his ever-ringing telephone for two straight days. "When I was talking on one line, I could see lights blinking on the other three with people waiting to talk to me."

About the only good to come out of the period was the inexplicable drop in crime. "Maybe no one could get through the switchboard to report it," chuckled one official.

Then, as suddenly as it began, it stopped, leaving the town shellshocked as if from an enemy invasion. No UFO calls lit up the sheriff's lines. Out-of-towners headed home. And Hickson and Parker began a different life.

Up until then they had led normal lives.

Hickson had known Parker, and Parker's family since Calvin was just a little yike. "I grew up with Calvin's father in Jones County," Hickson recalled. "So when he decided to work the oil fields down in the Bahamas, I got Calvin a job at the shipyard and he moved in with us."

Parker had worked at his new job for only a few weeks when he and his older friend decided on the fateful fishing trip.

"You know how the evenings were longer back in the fall," Hickson said. "Well, we took a little shrimp bait and some spinning reels and headed down in the riverbank at the old Schaupeter shipyard to fish for red fish and speckled trout."

It's hard to pin down the time the two fishermen say they were floated aboard the UFO, mainly because Hickson says he did not look at a watch. He said after perhaps 20 minutes of examination by a huge "eye" inside the egg-shaped craft, the two were gently deposited back on the ground.

Memories of the super bright light inside the craft continue to taunt his dreams. Hickson said his restless nights are perhaps the biggest effect of the experience.

"I wake up every three or four hours, sometimes in a cold sweat," he said. "I don't know what is terrifying me so. Maybe I am reliving what happened. I know I always have the feeling there's something important that I just can't remember, no matter how hard I try."

Young Parker may be having nightmares also, for he is back in his hometown of Laurel with his parents. Parker didn't hold up as well as Hickson. Officials said he was in a state of shock.

Parker was admitted to a hospital in the days following the incident due to "complete physical and emotional breakdown," according to Joe Colingo, attorney for the two.

After leaving the hospital, Parker was taken to Laurel where he doesn't talk with newsmen. The family's phone has been disconnected.

Hickson's family of five was disturbed at the publicity, he admits.

But Blanche Hickson is not one whose thoughts are expressed openly. "It is hard to know what my wife thought about the whole thing," Hickson said. "She has calmed down a lot, but I know she's still upset at my not being able to sleep nights."

Nights are the hardest time, Hickson said. "As long as I'm working seven days a week like lately I don't have any problems. But when I don't have anything to do I sit and think. I don't guess I'll ever get over trying to figure out where they came from and why they picked me."

Hickson said he had never thought much one way or the other about life on other planets before this.

"But I'm a Christian. I was a Sunday school superintendent a few years ago, and I aim to be more active in the church some day. I don't see why God would put life on just this one small speck and no other place."

Hickson is sure the UFO came from other worlds and says he is surprised to find out how many people agree with him. He says he has received thousands of letters from all over the world, many telling of similar experiences.

He was on the Dick Cavett Show and the Mike Douglas Show. "After the show, Dick Cavett told me he was a believer in UFO's, a firm believer. Bull Cullen told the same thing."

He said he has been asked to go on other shows and will in the future. But first he's going to make a recording of his experience. "What happened has impressed itself on my mind too much to ever forget a thing. But a lot of folks have asked for a record."

Colingo says the two men have not profited financially from their experience.

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he said, puffing on one
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Remembering UFO experience

Charles Hickson looks at an artist's conception of the unusual craft which he claimed he sighted last October 11 and the creatures he and his friend, Calvin Parker, saw. The drawings were made wh Hickson appeared on the Mike Douglas Show Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Pascagoula Affair

On October 12 at 9 a.m. Mr. Louis Daugherty, a member of APRO's Board of Directors and a ham radio operator, called APRO headquarters to report the gist of a radio broadcast which mentioned the abduction of two men by strange creatures at Pascagoula, Mississippi the night before. This began a chain of events which ultimately resulted in international publicity for the incident and for APRO.

After obtaining the basic details Mrs. Lorenzen contacted the Sheriff's office at Pascagoula and after assuring the deputy with whom she talked that APRO intended to carry out a scientific investigation of the incident, he agreed to advise the two principal witnesses to cooperate.

It was first thought that two of APRO's consulting staff should be asked to go to Pascagoula--an engineer or physicist and a psychologist, the latter to utilize hypnotic regression in an attempt to obtain any information which might have been forgotten or suppressed due to shock.

Queries were made to two psychiatrists and one psychologist, none of whom could get away at the time. Mrs. Lorenzen then contacted Dr. James A. Harder, APRO's consultant in civil engineering who is also a certified hypnotist and has utilized the technique in other cases involving close encounters with UFOs. Fortunately Dr. Harder was able to get passage on a jet that afternoon and was on his way to Pascagoula at 2:30 p.m.

Later that afternoon Mr. Lorenzen received a call from Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Head of the Lindheimer Observatory and Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek wanted to know if he felt the Pascagoula case had any merit and Mr. Lorenzen said that he did feel it deserved careful investigation and that, in fact, Dr. Harder was on his way.

On Saturday morning Dr. Harder interviewed the two principals in the case, Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 18. This interview verified the basic information which Mrs. Lorenzen had obtained from Sheriff Barney Mathis and Deputy Glen Ryder, the latter of whom had been the first to talk to the two men after their experience. The actual incident

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At 9:45 p.m. on the 22nd of October 1973 Mr. and Mrs. De Wayne Donathan were en route from Mrs. Donathan's mother's home at Hartford City, Indiana to their own home when they spotted two small figures in the road ahead. They later reported their experience and were interviewed by Field Investigator Donald Warley of Connorsville.

The remarkable aspect of this case is that not only were there two witnesses, but the same creatures were apparently seen later by another person. We will begin our narrative with quotes from Mrs. Donathan:

"We were coming home from visiting my mother and I was driving. De Wayne, my husband, held the baby and we were just about a block from home. I rounded a slight curve and a small hill and there in the road we seen (sic) what I thought might be a reflection from a farm tractor in the road. I slowed down and could see what looked like two kids about 4 feet tall moving in the road. I stopped the car (approximately 30 feet distant) and with headlights shining on them I decided it couldn't be kids this time of night in the road with me coming at them in a car.

"They looked confused. They would hop up in the air, their feet would come up slowly, one at a time, and their arms would flop funny. They moved slower than humans do and their feet and arms would go up funny. Their feet came off the ground easily. They were a bright silver." (Witness refused to draw the occupants because she said she was a poor artist.)

Mrs. Donathan said the creatures were of slight build, straight in form to the ground. She doesn't remember any head at all or any other features except for the feet. She describes the feet as having boxes on them; not large boxes but boxes somewhat larger than a shoe perhaps. She did not see any hands on the creatures and did not recall hearing any sound; however the Donathans had their tape player playing rather loud and did not stop their engine. No odor was noticed and she recalled that the clothing or surface of the creatures appeared to be tight-fitting.

Mrs. Donathan was very frightened, and screamed "Oh my God!", jammed the accelerator to the floor and, swerving to the side of the road, sped past the little creatures instead of taking the time to

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Follow-Up

On this page the reader will note two drawings of the Pascagoula incident rendered by staff artist Hirian James. Because of the time required to work out details for these illustrations, it is not always possible to present the art work along with the actual case report.

However, along with the drawings we have two bits of additional information concerning the investigation of the Pascagoula, Mississippi incident (for basic details see page 1 of the September-October **Bulletin**):

When Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson were left in a room alone with a concealed tape recorder, one of them prayed. We must observe at this point that grown men seldom pray in public, and the fact that one of them did so indicates the emotional strain under which he was labouring. We do not identify the man who resorted to prayer because we feel that prayer is a private thing and that there is some anonymity because of the fact that two men were in that room while the recording was made.

During the polygraph test at New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 30, the following scene was recorded: One of the technicians voiced his skepticism regarding the information given by Parker and Hickson. As he stood by monitoring the equipment after several questions had been asked of Hickson, he turned to a colleague and said, "This s.o.b. is telling the truth". This admittance, coming from a man with many years experience with polygraph tests, indicates the impact that Hickson's testimony had on the people who interviewed him.

Object Sighted At Bahia Blanca

Bahia Blanca, Argentina was the setting for a UFO sighting on the 2nd of November, 1973, at 11:55 a.m. Several of the personnel at the Commander Spora Air Naval Base at Bahia Blanca were following the flight of an escadrille from that base. They spotted a round-shaped luminous object which they estimated to be at about 14,000 ft. altitude. It hung motionless in the sky for about 20 minutes during which time it was observed with the aid of binoculars. After 20 minutes the sphere began to move away at speed far in excess of what could be expected from ordinary aircraft. The Control Tower personnel had no record of any airplane or balloon which could have accounted for the presence of the object. It was ultimately entered into the Control Tower logbook as a "UFO Phenomenon." Our thanks to Field Investigator Juan Norberto Corta for this report.

Hickson on board UFO with two creatures

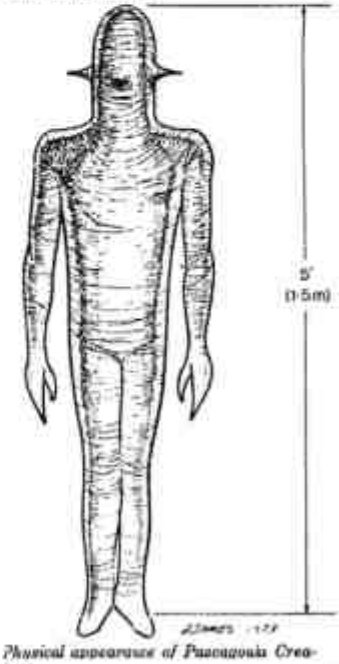
Boat Chased By Object In Portugal

In the evening of the 2nd of November, 1973, two disc-shaped objects were viewed by a number of people who were crossing the Guadiana River from Aymonte, Spain, to Vila Real de Santo Antonio in Portugal. Jua Salas, the captain of the trawler, said that one of the objects came down to low altitude and accompanied the boat for three hours. Toward the end of the chase the object projected a brilliant light at the boat, then took off and disappeared from sight in a burst of speed.

Corrections

In the September-October 1973 issue of the *APRO Bulletin*, some printing errors in the article on New Consultants were made. On Page 2, Column 3, second paragraph, the printer used erroneous symbols and it should read that Mr. Harris is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma. Four lines further it should read that he is an Associate Member of the Society of Sigma Psi. Also, in positions held, in the summer of 1966 Mr. Harris was Optical *Metrologist* for North American Rockwell.

Further, on Page 8, Column 1, Paragraph 2, line 6, it should read: taken in *Germany* two years ago, *not* German.



Physical appearance of Pascagoula Creature

THE PASCAGOULA UFO & OCCUPANT INCIDENT

Richard W. Heiden

The original version of this article was translated and published in the Spanish magazine *Stendek*," No.17, of September 1974. This new version includes changes made by Mr. Heiden, based on new information, and a few minor improvements.

IN the autumn of 1973 the United States of America experienced a UFO flap which was undoubtedly the biggest ever. The most interesting, best documented, and most publicized sighting was that of Charles E. Hickson (45) and Calvin R. Parker, Jr. (18), in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Pascagoula, the county seat of Jackson County, has a population of 27,000. It is on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, on the banks of the Pascagoula River. Several shipyards are located there.

Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker are family friends from Jones County, north of Pascagoula. At the time of their sighting they both lived in the town of Gautier, which is just west of Pascagoula, and worked at the Walker Shipyard in Pascagoula, where Hickson is still a foreman. On the evening of Thursday, October 11, 1973, they stated that they met three UFO occupants, and at least one of the witnesses was taken aboard their craft.

Hickson and Parker said they were fishing in the Pascagoula River, when at about 9.00 p.m., they heard a "zipping" sound behind them and an oblong blue-grey craft five to six metres long, with flashing blue lights, descended and hovered in an open area nearby, about 50 cms. above the ground.

An opening appeared in the craft, and three creatures (possibly robots) came out. They were about 150 cms. tall, with wrinkled pale grey skin ("a little more metallic-looking than an elephant's skin"), pincer-like hands, slits for eyes, two small round-shaped ears, a small sharp nose, with a hole below, and no neck. As they approached the two men, they floated 30 cms. above the ground, not moving their legs. One of them made a humming or buzzing noise. Hickson was paralysed by fear, and Parker passed out.

Two of the creatures gently picked up Hickson by his arms, and carried him inside the ship. He lost all feeling, including that of weight, when they touched him. Hickson observed that the room he was taken to was completely bare and well-lighted, but he could not tell where the dazzling light was coming from. He was placed in a reclining position, but stayed suspended in air, and never touched the craft itself. An instrument resembling a huge eye, and about 75-90 cms. long, floated around, moving back and forth across his body, at a distance of 20-25 cms., as though it were examining or photographing him. The creatures left Hickson alone for a while and then "floated" him back to his original location on the pier, and returned to the craft.

A Pascagoula entity, as described by the witnesses.

He is not really sure how long he was inside the UFO — it may be anywhere from 15 to 40 minutes. Parker, who did not come to until after the craft had sped away, was probably taken last by the third occupant. The UFO left no traces.

There were several other reports of UFOs in the Pascagoula area that same evening, and many television sets experienced interference. The interference was worst on sets closest to the river.

At about 11.00 p.m., an hour or two after the UFO and its occupants had gone, Hickson and Parker called the sheriff's office, and went there to relate what had happened.

Sheriff Fred Diamond and Captain Glen Ryder interrogated them about the sighting. "We did every-

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THE BEHIND-THE-HEADLINES STORY OF THE PASCAGOULA UFO KIDNAP

BY WARREN SMITH

Like terrifying monsters from the dark side of the universe, a trio of weird UFO creatures zoomed out of the skies last fall and onto the front pages of the nation's newspapers. As two frightened men watched in terror, a UFO landed along the cluttered banks of the Pascagoula River in Mississippi. Like a scene from a science fiction movie, the two fishermen were grabbed by three creatures and pulled aboard the craft. Inside the strange ship, the men were subjected to a strange medical examination that completely defies earthly understanding.

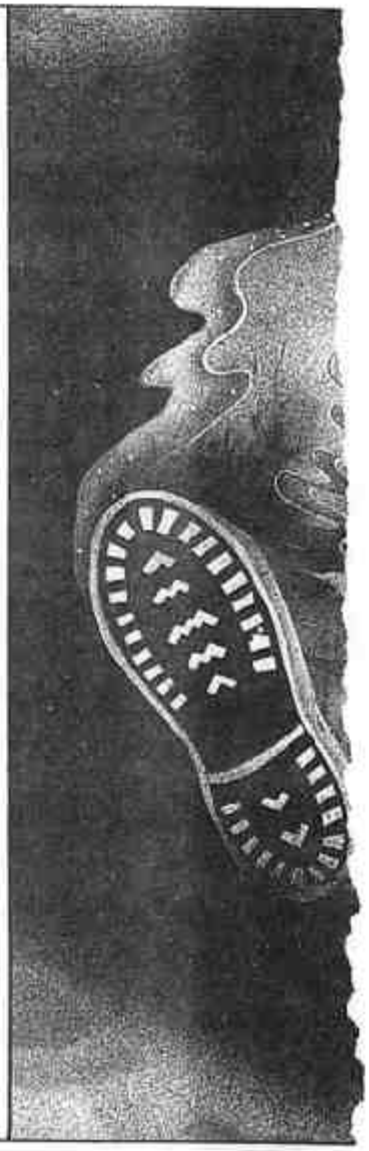
As UFO enthusiasts know, the Pascagoula incident was the highlight of the current wave of saucer sightings in the U.S. that became a worldwide sensation. The entire episode was like a flashback from the frenetic days of saucer sightings in the mid-1960s. Every night seemed to hold a thousand saucers, and as people read about the rash of reports they discussed the origin of UFOs, the intent of the occupants, and their possible reasons for being here.

One person remaining totally aloof was Edward Condon, the scientist who headed the controversial government-sponsored Colorado University investigation that declared UFOs —let alone their occupants— did not exist. Condon's report was again made a mockery of by the Pascagoula contact. Once more thousands of people began calling for an unbiased look at the mystery.

The incident started on the calm, balmy evening of October 11th in the quiet, pleasant community of Pascagoula, Miss. Charles Hickson, 45 years old, and Calvin Parker, 19, decided to test their fishing skills along the banks of the Pascagoula River. They caught two flathead catfish near a grain elevator, then decided to move to a pier near an abandoned shipyard.

"I didn't think we would catch anything there," admitted Charles Hickson. "The tide wasn't right, but you never know about fishing."

Hickson, a soft-spoken Mississippian with a gentle Southern drawl, cast his line off the pier. A foreman in the Walker & Sons shipyards for over a year, he has a



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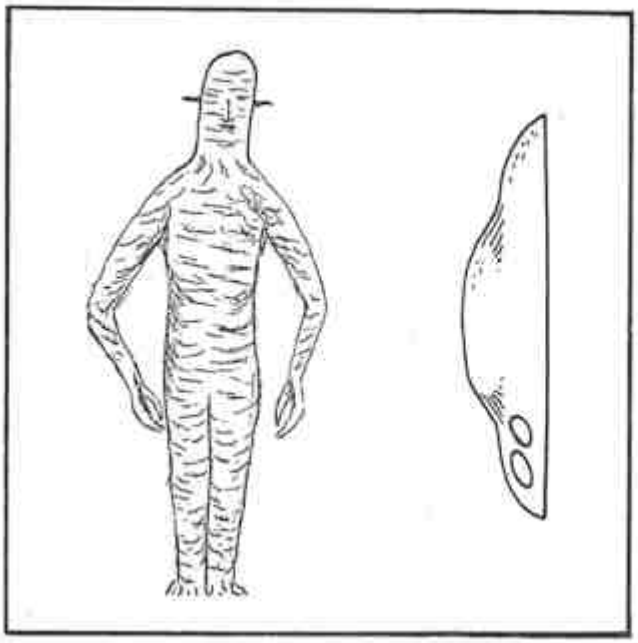

Calvin Parker, 19, and Charles Hickson, 45, of Pascagoula, Miss., were fishing from the iron pier below in the Mississippi River when a bluish-gray flying saucer landed in the clearing and three five-foot aliens took them aboard the craft and gave them a strange physical examination. Jim Flynt, yard superintendent at the F. B. Walker & Sons Shipyard where the two men work, drew a rough sketch of an alien as the two men described it.

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well-earned reputation for honesty. As he watched his fishing line in the river, Hickson looked forward to a night of relaxation.

Hickson's companion was Calvin Parker, a family friend from their home town of Tucker's Crossing in Jones County, Miss. A handsome youth with an angular face and heavy sideburns, Parker had obtained a job at Walke's shipyard a few weeks before the incident.

It didn't take the two men long to settle down on the pier and begin casting. Trying to reach out a little farther, Charles Hickson's line became snagged, so he reeled in and turned to get more bait. At that precise moment, a strange noise shrilled through the night air.

"It sounded like a zipping sound," Hickson said. "A zipping that was long and drawn out."

The startled man turned to see a luminous, saucer-shaped craft landing about 40 feet from the pier. Blue-gray in color, the egg-shaped craft emitted a whirring noise. It stopped and hovered about a foot above the ground. The strange device hung suspended in mid-air, amid a clutter of abandoned cars, junked appliances, and litter. The saucer was described as about eight feet across and eight to eight and one half feet high. There were two portholes across one

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to emphasize to people, please don't shoot at these things," he said. "They don't mean any harm. I believe that if they came back I could face them and would try to communicate with them."

Neither man elaborated on the reasons behind their belief in the friendliness of the creatures. Presumably, without any communication with the UFO occupants, their statements were based on emotions rather than factual data.

The day after their kidnapping, Hickson and Parker went to Kessler Air Force Base for a physical examination. "They were not given a complete examination," said Col. Robert E. Smith, Kessler's medical examiner. "They were here to check on whether they had possible radiation contamination. The tests were negative. They also told their story to our security people. They didn't appear to be fabricating their story. Both men were obviously depressed and frightened. We truly believe they suffered some type of frightening experience. We're also convinced that they were not lying, nor were they seeking publicity." Tests at the base also revealed that Hickson and Parker were free of alcohol and drugs.

While they were at Kessler, both men were interrogated by three officers from U.S. Air Force Intelligence. Later, Sheriff Fred Diamond reported that the Pentagon had queried Kessler with a sharp message: "What in hell is going on down there?"

Meanwhile, Sheriff Fred Diamond's office was swamped by 2,000 phone calls from newsmen throughout the world. At the same time, Hickson and Parker had to leave their homes because of intense pressure from the national news media, UFO investigators, and ordinary cranks. One TV news crew threatened to put "40 reporters on your front steps and they'll keep pounding on your door until they get an interview." The two men did appear on NBC-TV news to tell their story to millions of viewers across the nation.

Red-eyed and weary from lack of sleep, Sheriff Diamond discovered the frustrations of obtaining U.S. government help during a UFO "flap." Citizens all along the Gulf Coast were seeing flying saucers; the center of activity was in the skies over Jackson County. The sheriff felt that his constituents were entitled to know what was going on. "Air Force officials told me that they usually refer sightings back to the local police or sheriff's department," Sheriff Diamond remarked. "I told them I would try to go as high as the President in order to get some qualified help."

Lt. Iris Galen, public information officer at Florida's Elgin Air Force Base, said the Air Force believes local lawmen are best qualified to protect citizens. "If anyone feels threatened, we send them to the local police," Lieutenant Galen told the sheriff. "If they want a scientific investigation then we refer them to the nearest university."

Frustrated by these replies to his pleas for help, Sheriff Diamond telephoned the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He asked Capt. Dennis Parker, Air Force information officer, for assistance. "I've checked with higher authority here in the Pentagon," answered Captain Parker. "The Air Force will investigate only if there has been a direct threat to our national security. Nothing has taken place to jeopardize national security."

Still later, Captain Parker mentioned that the rash of UFO reports might be explained as a reflection from the planet Venus, or an airplane that was off course. "I'll admit I might have a tough time convincing Hickson and Parker of that," he said, ruefully.

Captain Parker informed the sheriff of Air Force belief in the controversial 1969 Condon Report. "That study concluded that we are not being threatened by aliens from another world," Captain Parker related, "and that there is no substantial evidence to prove that UFOs represent extraterrestrial technological developments. The Condon study was made by a university under a grant from the federal government and it can only be questioned in that context."

As the Air Force turned its back on the case, two scientists rushed to Pascagoula for firsthand data on the Pascagoula incident. Dr. James Harder spent several hours with Hickson and Parker; he is a professor of engineering at the University of California and an accomplished hypnotist. Dr. Harder was met in Pascagoula by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek is a former consultant to the Air Force on UFO phenomena and is recognized as an authority on the subject.

The two scientists wanted to place Hickson and Parker under hypnosis to relive the experience during a trance. Their sessions took place in an office at the Walker & Sons shipyards where the two men are employed. The buildings were sealed off from newsmen; tapes of the session have not been released.

Neither Hickson nor Parker wanted to be hypnotized, giving their reluctant approval only after others in the room were placed in a trance. Hickson went into a trance for a short interval, but had to be brought out almost immediately. "His fear and terror became so great that we had to stop," Dr. Harder said. "The absolute terror of both men under hypnosis leads me to believe their story. If this had been a hoax, we might have heard the same story under hypnosis. But, we would have had the terror factor. There is no way they could fake their fear so convincingly."

Although Hickson and Parker provided only sketchy information under hypnosis, Dr. Harder concluded their experience was real. "There is no reasonable doubt that the craft came from outer space," he declared. "It was definitely extraterrestrial. Where they come from and why they're here is a matter of conjecture. The fact that they are here on this planet is true beyond a reasonable doubt. The experience of Hickson and Parker was a real one. It was not a hallucination. It would be virtually impossible for these two men to simulate the feelings of terror while they were under hypnosis."

The UFO occupants, according to Dr. Harder, were cosmic anthropologists.

"My theory is that the Earth is a cosmic zoo," he said. "We are cut off from the rest of the universe. Every so often the keepers come in to make a random check of the inhabitants of that zoo. If a scientist picks up a laboratory rat this may terrify the animal even though the scientist may

have no harmful intentions. There is nothing to suggest that the UFO occupants have harmful designs on humanity."

In discussing the craft, Dr. Harder added: "They must possess a technology that is far in advance of ours. They can produce a vehicle that will fly 120,000 miles an hour and not be burned up. Let's also hope that their technology has not been as destructive as ours."

After the hypnotic session, Dr. Hynek said the Pascagoula incident was one of the most dramatic cases ever recorded of the 800 known contactee experiences. "Hickson and Parker are not unbalanced. They're not crackpots," Dr. Hynek asserted. "There were 1,042 cases of UFOs reported last year and some of them included some incredible tales. The U.S. government has been derelict in not keeping up with an investigation of UFOs. People who see a UFO are told to call their local police, and then they're referred to someone else in a grand buck-passing game."

Dr Hynek has never committed himself to the theory of outer space as the origin of flying saucers. He remains an open-minded skeptical investigator, committed to no single hypothesis. "The immense distances in outer space are staggering," he declared. "What we may be observing is an unknown domain of nature, a multidimensional phenomena, or any number of other possibilities. Approximately 80 percent of sightings can be explained as normal phenomena, but the remaining 20 percent are the real puzzlers."

Dr. Hynek, after his Pascagoula investigation, reported that a future flap may trigger a national panic. "Actor Orson Welles created a panic with his 1938 radio broadcast concerning a Martian invasion of New Jersey," the astronomer stated. "All we need is a report of visitors from outer space and we'll have a similar situation on our hands. People are becoming frightened. A panic can occur because people seeing UFOs can find no one to listen seriously to their stories. The National Aeronautic and Space Administration is supposed to check out reports on flying saucers. They've never done so because they think they're silly."

Drs. Hynek and Harder cut short their trip to Pascagoula, bemoaning the lack of funds for a complete investigation of the Hickson-Parker case. "It would require several weeks to fully investigate this case," Dr. Hynek reported. "I'm satisfied with the reality of their experience, but I'd like to have had more physical evidence. I believe UFOs are a real phenomena that are just as puzzling to us as nuclear energy would have been to Benjamin Franklin."

In Pascagoula, Hickson and Parker had a statement printed which they hand to anyone asking about their UFO experience. The note reads:

"*We do not want to talk with anyone or be interviewed at this time about our recent UFO experience . . . . Please do not invade our privacy. We need to rest and also work.*" *Charles E. Hickson and Calvin R. Parker.*

Summing up their terrifying abduction, Charles Hickson recently asked:

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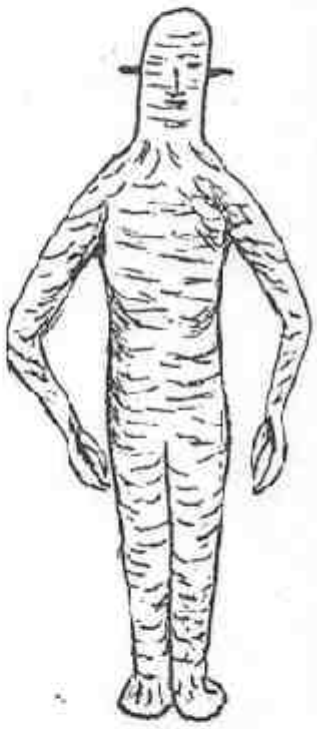

Like the Coyne case, the celebrated Pascagoula, Mississippi close encounter occurred in October at the zenith of the '73 wave. On the afternoon of the 11th, 19-year-old Calvin Parker (opposite, top) and 42-year-old Charles Hickson (below) were fishing at the mouth of the Pascagoula River. Becoming aware of a buzzing sound, the two men—both workers in a nearby shipyard—looked behind them and saw a large, glowing oval-shaped object. It was about 10 feet wide, had blue lights, and was hovering just a few feet above the river bank. Petrified with fear at this sight, the two watched as a door appeared out of nowhere in the object and three strange beings moved toward them. Instead of walking, they seemed to float and didn't move their legs. In appearance, they were about five feet in height, had bullet-like heads with no necks, slits for mouths, and, where their ears and noses would be, had thin cone-shaped appendages that stuck straight outward. The percipients said the beings had no eyes, had round feet and clawed hands, and wrinkled grayish skin. (Opposite, a sketch of one of the occupants made by the workers' superintendent.)

Two of the humanoids seized Hickson; the third grabbed Parker who, overcome with fright, passed out. Hickson claimed he was "floated" aboard the UFO and presently found himself in a brightly lit room. As the two humanoids held him, an eye-like device appeared in mid-air and Hickson's body was moved about in front of it in what he took to be an examination. When this was over, he was simply left hanging in mid-air and he could not move a muscle. Some 20 minutes from the time he first saw the UFO, Hickson was floated out of it and put on the ground. With Parker weeping and preying near him, he watched the UFO rise straight up and fly out of sight. Fearing disbelief and ridicule, the two at first decided to tell no one of their experience—but then, thinking the government might want to know of it, reported it to the sheriff later that night. The next day the local press got wind of the story, publicized it, and in a few days it was nationwide news. (The still-frightened Parker is shown opposite just leaving the sheriff's office; he did not want his picture taken.)

APRO sent its consultant, Dr. James Harder, to Pascagoula to investigate; Dr. Hynek also went. Both scientists are shown above questioning the two witnesses. Later they took lie detector tests and passed them. Hynek and Harder were of the opinion that the encounter had happened as the percipients had described it. Dr. Hynek was also quoted as saying "there was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

Navy Retiree Says He Also Saw Spaceship 28 Years Ago

By Natalie Chambers

PASCAGOULA—Where Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker said the world in 1973 they were abducted by aliens while fishing on the Pascagoula River, few people believed them.

Now after 28 years, it appears they weren't alone in their experience on that Oct. 11 night.

A retired Navy chief petty officer recently contacted *The Mississippi Press* about the sighting that he can't forget.

Mike Cataldo of Rotonda West, Fla., said he was on the pre-commissioning crew of the USS Tunney under construction at Ingalls Shipyard. Duty was coming in as he and crew mates Joe Peralta and Mack Hanna were on U.S. 90 heading to Ocean Springs. Peralta was driving, Hanna was in the front passenger seat and Cataldo was in the back seat.

"We saw a very strange object in the horizon going from northwest across Highway 90. It was going pretty fast. It went down into a wood area and into the marsh. It hovered over the tree line, I guess, maybe a minute. We actually pulled off the road and watched it. We said, 'My God, what is that?,'" Cataldo said.

"We saw it, no question about it. We talked about it. Was it a shooting star, a meteorite? This was very different," he said.

Cataldo said the object looked like a large tam/beanie with little lights flashing on it.

"As quickly as we saw it, it just vanished," he said.

Cataldo said he had a second sighting minutes later, this time in St. Andrews as he neared his home.

"It wasn't as high up as we saw the first time, it was real," he said. Cataldo said he rushed and told his wife what happened.

"I was almost hyperventilating. I wasn't shook up, but I was excited I saw this thing," he said.

The next morning, Cataldo conversed his executive officer on the submarine and made a report.

The following Monday, he was stationed Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi and left his telephone number, he said.

"My executive officer and crew members thought we were just kooky, just whacked out," he said.

"It never came up again. Keesler never called or did anything," he said.

"It was the strangest thing. It was kind of scary," Cataldo said.

Cataldo retired from the Navy 19 years ago. He was last in Jackson County in 1974.

Cataldo said he has never met or talked to Hickson.

Hickson said neither he nor Parker wanted their story given to the media. Their only objective was to notify the proper authorities, the sheriff's department.

"I've had a few people who said they didn't believe it, but I've never had any ridicule and my family never had. That's one reason why this thing first happened to Calvin and I didn't want to talk about it because I didn't want to be called crazy. But it seemed to me we had to tell the proper authorities," said Hickson, 70, who lives in Gautier.

The rest is history.

Hickson says he knows other people saw the space craft but wouldn't come forward.

"They would have sure helped us if they would have said something," he said.

Hickson penned a book about the encounter, was interviewed several times by the scientific community and made the circuit at seminars on extraterrestrial. In 28 years, he never deviated from his claim of the occurrence behind the old Shaupeter Shipyard building on the Pascagoula River—even under hypnosis.

Parker, who was 15 then, had trouble dealing with what happened. He is now living in Louisiana.

"He's not the same man as before. It just ruined him," Hickson said.

Hickson described the three creatures that floated out to them as pale, ghostlike and about 5 feet high. They had crablike claws or pincers and rounded feet. He said they appeared to glide rather than walk.

Hickson said he was taken aboard the oval-shaped, well-lit space craft and examined with some type of "eye."

"Some kind of way they examined me. I've had a feeling ever since it happened that they know where I am at all times and what I'm doing," he said.

"These things are robots. I didn't see any eyes. They had no indication of breathing. They didn't have a mouth. It was a straight slit. It seems they had something to do and they just quickly done it. Took us back out there, put us down and they left," he said.

Hickson said he does not know how long they were with the aliens, but he was in the another encounter with them.

"When it first happened, I wouldn't go in the night by myself. I would have nightmares. My wife really helped me get through this thing," he said. "Now the fear is gone. I want to meet them again and see if they will take me to their world. I believe if they do, they'd bring me back. Our whole world here is getting into a restrictive shape."

Glenn Ryder, sheriff's department spirit captain that night the call came in from Hickson, said it was a busy night, around 11 p.m. when Hickson called from a pay phone and was insistent on talking to then-Sheriff Fred Diamond, who happened to be in bed.

Ryder said Hickson then asked for the second person in charge. That happened to be Ryder. Hickson told Ryder he had something to tell, but figured Ryder would laugh.

Ryder told him to go ahead and when Hickson finished, he did laugh.

"I told him to wait there and I would come and talk to him. He said he was going back to his house and gave me the address so I could come there," Ryder said.

"Calvin Parker was just hysterical. He was tearing (his). I took them in the patrol car to the sheriff's office," Ryder said.

Hickson and Parker were questioned extensively apart and then put in a secluded room together where a tape recorder had been planted to catch them in a lie.

"That boy (Parker) was really shook up. Charles was composed. The boy had just come down here from Jones County, had always lived out in the country. He kept telling Charles on the tape not to talk to us. He said if (Charles) told them anything about what happened they would come back and get them," Ryder said.

"One thing led to another. We went to the site at Shaupeter, where Ceiley Towing is now. He showed me where it landed and picked him up."

Ryder said no physical evidence of a landing – burn marks or footprints – were found.

He said after the story broke, calls came in from across the United States, England and Canada.

"They were pretty well convinced something did happen to them," he said.

Ryder said there were other calls fielded about sighting of a series of light that night, but only Parker and Hickson reported being taken aboard the space craft.

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Strange substance falls

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)— "Holy cow, I just don't know what to tell you," said a National Weather Service spokesman when asked about a strange substance which fell from two Mississippi skies.

And neither had no immediate explanation for splotches of transparent, threadlike material which fell Thursday in several places in Mississippi and north Louisiana.

A spokesman for the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Commission said workers had taken samples of the material and would try to determine what it was.

Meanwhile, authorities said they were looking into scores of the unidentified flying objects stories just don't hold air.

In Booneville, a "UFO" was shot down with a 22 caliber pistol. The object was a large plastic bag which, with 10 lighted candles inside, floated over much of Prentiss County.

In Gulfport, police said a young taxi driver admitted that his bizarre story of a UFO encounter was bogus. The man, John Lane, told said another was a three-colored creature landed and leaped at his windshield with a crablike claw.

Gulfport Police Chief Craig Morrow noted a three officers were to put a halt to Lane's report. He said the taxi driver fabricated the story after a practical joke backfired.

He said Lane's tale that a UFO had caused his car stall ed as a joke while the taxi company, for whom Lane was employed, for whom Lane was to had to follow through with it when his cab dispatcher notified police.

Morrow said he did not know whether charges would be brought against Lane because of the hoax.

Elsewhere in the state, the wave of UFO sightings seemed to slow somewhat, after reports that some of the UFOs could be blamed on high-altitude balloons, privateers and Air Force rockets launched in west Florida.

In Clarksdale, a dentist said he observed objects Wednesday night, including a red-and-green object with a white flashing light.

AUTHORITIES AREN'T WORRIED

Pascagoulans missing after UFO venture

BY FRANK ERORA
News staff writer

A few days after advising fellow earthlings not to fear space visitors, two Pascagoula, Miss., men — who said they had been taken aboard a UFO Oct. 11 — have apparently disappeared.

But local authorities are not overly concerned.

Feeling is strong that Charles Hickson, 41, and Calvin Parker, 18, may show up on a television talk show.

At the same time, there are reports that they're being offered an astronomical sum for the right to make their experience into a motion picture.

Whatever the reason, the men haven't been at work at a shipbuilding company in several days.

And a fellow employee says, "They may never build another ship."

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Thomas says he expects them to take a lie detector test later in the week.

ALTHOUGH HE believes their story, the sheriff says he wants "to know this thing through."

From the first the two men have asked for a lie-detector test so the sheriff wanted to give them time to calm down.

A spokesman for the sheriff's Department Tuesday night said he did not know of the whereabouts of the two and would not confirm that they had, in fact, left Pascagoula.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. says the company's security television network did not show the reported UFO landing as officials had hoped.

Basil Jerry Jr., the director of information, "Our cameras were locked on the company parking lot as usual that night. The guards monitoring them saw nothing. But, as I say, the camera was not focused on the river area where the two men were fishing."

OVER THE WEEKEND, Hickson and Parker, in an interview with a Pascagoula newspaper, advised earthlings to be courteous to any space visitors, adding "they do not mean any harm to u

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The Browns: At first they thought all the stories about UFOs were silly, but now they're not so sure.

UFO Adventure Tale: The Terror Was Real

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PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) —Two men who claim they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures with crab-like hands and pointed ears definitely underwent a "terrifying experience," according to two scientists who questioned the men under hypnosis.

Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astrological department at Northwestern University, and Dr. James Harder of the Aerophenomenon Research Organization and the University of California spent several hours interviewing Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, Saturday night.

The two Mississippi men told the Jackson County Sheriff's department they were fishing off an old pier on the Pascagoula River Thursday night when they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze.

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The men, reportedly "scared to death and shaking all over," told officers they were taken inside the craft by three creatures with big eyes, crablike hands, wrinkled skin and pointed ears.

Harder said the men's experience as reflected during hypnosis was "traumatic", adding "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror

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are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

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Harder said the phenomenon has happened all over the world and seems to follow a definite pattern. "A UFO tale is an incredible tale told by credible persons," Harder said.

Although the men were able to be hypnotized, Hynek said "their experience was so traumatic that it was essential to progress slowly."

Sheriff Fred Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men because they were "scared to death and on the verge of a heart attack."

The men, both employed at the W. B. Walker Shipyards, were checked for radioactivity at Keesler Air Force Base Friday and the results were negative. Since news of their experience, several persons in the Pascagoula area have said they also saw a UFO in the vicinity of the fishing location.

Hynek said one problem in the study of UFO sightings similar to the Pascagoula incident was the lack of an organization properly funded to conduct the investigation.

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Federal officials asked to look into

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI)— Federal officials are being asked to look into the bizarre story of two fishermen who told Jackson County authorities they were taken aboard a UFO Thursday night.

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin H. Parker, 19, both of Pascagoula went to officials with a story of being transported to a hovering craft by reddish creatures, examined for about 30 minutes and then released unharmed.

"They are sincere," said Sheriff Fred Diamond Friday. "I believe their story is true."

Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said both men were not drunk or under the influence of drugs when they approached county authorities with their story. Both then repeated almost the same details in two talks with officials and "if it is a hoax they should be in Hollywood."

Mathis said the men did not give an indication of a deception when alone in a room which had a hidden tape recorder present.

"If you heard this tape, you would believe they saw something. They were on the point of a heart attack almost," Mathis said.

Authorities said other reported sightings of an unidentified flying object were made Thursday night. One sighting was made by three persons in a car near where Hickson and Parker said they were taken aboard the craft.

"These three included a preacher and a former Pascagoula councilman. It

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was flying low in the direction where the two men were," Diamond said.

Larry Booth, former Navy airplane mechanic, said he saw a round object with blinking red lights about 8 p.m. Thursday night.

"I know it was not an airplane," Booth said, saying the craft had no wings and "seemed to be moving slowly. It wasn't moving like a jet and had a dome, or bubble, on top of it.

"There was a reflection coming from the dome and it had red lights moving counterclockwise. If it was a commercial or military aircraft, the lights would have changed as it rotated," Booth said.

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in Biloxi Friday and then allowed to return home.

Diamond said doctors at Keesler "found no sign of radiation or physical damage.... they (Keesler officials) are also convinced something did happen."

The two said they were abducted by the creatures while fishing along the West Bank of the Pascagoula River.

"A blue light hovered near them," Mathis said. "They just stood there and watched the craft as it came down. Three people, or whatever they were, floated out of the craft and took them into the ship."

The two said the creatures did not use force and that they did not feel like they were suffering. Hickson said he was placed on the floor inside the craft for about 15 to 20 minutes and that they were observed by "what looked like a large eye."

"After being turned over repeatedly for an apparent examination, Hickson said the pair were "sent or floated back to where they were."

Hickson described the creatures as being about five feet tall with two eyes and an opening under the eyes.

He refused to talk about the incident later Friday following his release from observation.

"I'm all in pieces, you can't imagine," he said.

Mississippi has had repeated sightings of unidentified flying objects within the past week. The reports of UFOs, most of which had a red glow to them, began in the northern section of the state.

Several sightings were reported along the coast during the past few days.

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Craft From Another Planet 'Did' Land On Earth

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Hynek and Dr. James Harder of the University of California interviewed by separate two shipyard workers who told authorities they were taken from an old pier in the Pascagoula River from a "landed" vehicle

matching a UFO's have approached from the sky.

Charles Hickson, 45, and Shipyard Calvin Parker, both of Pascagoula, were questioned by naval officials at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Friday and then allowed to return home.

Hynek, who was scientific consultant to Project Blue Book when it conducted studies of UFOs for the U.S. Air Force in the 1960's, said after talking to Parker and Hickson:

"There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Either an extraterrestrial vehicle came to Mississippi or [illegible] had a secret craft."

Hickson and Parker, "both scared to death and shaking all over," told the Jackson County sheriff's office they saw a strange UFO in the vicinity of the fishing location about the time the two men were fishing that day.

The duo, who have valid reports in shipping as seamen, were questioned for [illegible]

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'Another Planet's Craft Landed On Earth'

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by James Dorsett of Gulfport [illegible] to the shore, and [illegible] his pole he picked up an object [illegible] and [illegible] "I observed what I thought [illegible] as an airplane," Dorsett [illegible]. "It got nearer. The [illegible]

[illegible] like this, except [illegible] were noisy, then it [illegible] and all of a sudden [illegible] he said.

Thornton said the [illegible] reminded already who [illegible] UFO related [illegible] incidents, he said, resembled [illegible] a oval, with bright [illegible] lights flashing [illegible].

Sightings of aircraft or the [illegible] craft were made in [illegible] Thursday night by three other persons, Hinds [illegible] said.

National Weather Service officials said no missing [illegible] were conducted at the [illegible] although earlier [illegible]

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Hysterical Woman Says UFO Killed Cows

[illegible], Ohio (UPI) — [illegible] hysterically told police Sunday evening that [illegible] flying object with blinking lights killed two cows [illegible] when it landed in a field.

[illegible] The only eyewitness ever. Other descriptions of the UFOs varied from [illegible] reported how [illegible] again, now to the UFOs [illegible] observed on many [illegible]

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2 Say They Went Aboard Spacecraft

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Two shipyard workers say they were taken aboard a glowing blue spacecraft by buzzing creatures with silvery, wrinkled skin. Sheriff Fred Diamond is sure "something did happen to them."

"These are reliable people," Diamond said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

"I was scared and I'm still scared and shook up over it," said one of the men, Charles Hickson, 45.

Whatever happened took place around 7 p.m. Thursday while Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing on the bank of the Pascagoula River near here. They said they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze.

"All of a sudden we heard something like a buzzing sound," said Hickson, "and I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

He said it appeared to be "hovering" a few feet over the ground and "one end just opened . . . and I saw three things coming out. They seemed to be floating across the water a couple of feet high.

"Before I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted from the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

He said he was carried to the "vehicle" where he was examined by "some kind of instrument . . . It reminded me of a big eye" which "covered my entire body."

He said he wasn't harmed and "didn't have any sensations whatsoever. I was just helpless."

Parker said he was taken to the craft, too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared and couldn't remember what happened afterward.

Diamond said the "spacecraft" was described as fish-shaped, about 30 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-grey skin with no hair, long pointed ears and noses, with an opening for a mouth, big eyes and hands "like crab claws."

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Expert Says UFO for Real

Witnesses Hypnotized; Testimony Reasonable

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'Big-Eyed Creatures' Haul 2 Men to UFO?

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Two shipyard workers who claimed they were hauled aboard a UFO and examined by silvery-skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears were checked at a military hospital Friday and found to be clear of radiation.

Air Force doctors at nearby Keesler Air Force Base examined the men, Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, as a precautionary measure after they came forth with their weird tale.

Officials said the men, both employed at Walker shipyards, where Hickson is a foreman, would make no further public statements concerning their story until they talked further with federal authorities.

JACKSON COUNTY CHIEF Deputy Harvey Mathis said the men told him they were fishing from an old pier on the west bank of Pascagoula River about 7 p.m. Thursday when they noticed a strange craft about two miles away emitting a bluish haze.

They said it moved closer and then appeared to hover about three or four feet above the water then "three whatever they were came out, either floating or walking, and carried us into the ship," officers quoted Hickson as saying.

"The things had big eyes. They kept us about 30 minutes, photographed us and then took us back to the pier.

"The only sound they heard was a buzzing-humming sound. They left in a flash."

"THESE ARE RELIABLE people," Sheriff Fred Diamond said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

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UFO Reports Are Boosted By Story of Two Fishermen

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"THOUGH I'LL BE THE laughing stock of the country, I'll tell what I seen," he swore. "One of these days folks'll know it's true."

Parker couldn't add much to the tale; he reportedly fainted when the creatures appeared and Hickson said he didn't know what happened to him inside the craft.

Since the two men told their tale, there has been a rash of reports of UFO sightings all over the country.

A number of deputies here, though unable to accept the space man theory, believe something truly weird took place in Pascagoula.

"They aren't lying," said Deputy Howard Elkin, chief investigator. "I don't know what happened but, whatever it was, it was real to them. They have agreed to undergo lie detector tests."

DR. JAMES HARDER OF the University of Mississippi and Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University placed the two men under hypnosis and concluded after four hours of questioning that they were not just making up their story.

Hickson, a foreman at the Walker Shipyard, said it happened about 9 p.m. as he and Parker were casting for hard head or croakers from a pier at old Schumpeter shipyard. The old yard has the sun-bleached skeleton of a barge, drydock and a couple of iron piers, flanked by rusting auto hulks, empty bottles and beer cans.

Though directly across the 150-yard wide river from Pascagoula, it is isolated. The great cranes of Ingalls Shipyard loom about a mile to the south. Busy U.S. 90 runs about 150 yards to the north.

HICKSON SAID THE UFO circled, then came down to hover just above the junk. Suddenly an opening appeared and the three creatures, "all wrinkled and pale," glided out.

"There I was, me with just a spinning reel, and Calvin done went hysterical on me," Hickson said. "You can't imagine how it was."

Hickson, whose interrogation by police was recorded, was vague on details. "Boss," he said once, "I just don't know. You got to remember how scared I was."

Both Hickson and Parker, after the first day or so, refused to talk further with newsmen.

"We need to work," said Hickson. "I got to make a living."

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Creatures Took Them Aboard UFO, Two In Mississippi Say

PASCAGOULA, Miss., Oct. 21 (UPI) — A Northwestern University astronomer says the "very troubling experiences" of two men reporting that a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi Thursday night.

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Hynek, who was scientific consultant to Project Blue Book when it was conducted on UFOs by the Air Force in the 1960s, said after talking to Hickson and Parker:

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The men, who have volunteered to undergo lie-detector tests, were cleared by radar-like apparatus Friday at Keesler Air Force Base, h at the results were negative.

"I hope we can reassure people," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots."

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Meanwhile, in Dayton, O., a woman hypnotically told police officers last evening that an oblong object with blinking lights called two times when it landed in a field.

Her report was one of 38 sightings of unidentified flying objects that residents of small central Ohio reported to police.

However, the sheriff's office said a three-hour search by several deputies and state police uncovered nothing.

Newsmakers

Two fishermen relive 'capture by UFO' under hypnotism

By JOHN KENDALL
Globe-Democrat Los Angeles Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Two Mississippi fishermen who told of being taken aboard a strange spacecraft, examined and then released, apparently were telling the truth, according to a University of California at Berkeley professor.

Dr. James Harder of the university's engineering college said his examination of Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, convinced him that "it's not a hoax.

"It's an entirely real experience that they had," Harder said in a telephone interview Monday from Berkeley. "There is no room for ridicule in this case."

Harder, consultant for the private, nonprofit Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., used hypnosis in examining the two men.

"I was able to regress each of them into the experience," he said. "Their reaction of fear and terror was evidence to me beyond a reasonable doubt that they were relating an experience."

Hickson and Parker, two shipyard workers from Pascagoula, Miss., said they were fishing on a clear pier Thursday when a blue-colored object appeared and three objects floated from it.

The men claimed what they saw had wrinkled skin, pointed ears, eye slits, stumpy noses and holes below their noses. They reported that they were taken aboard the craft, then released.

HAROLD WAS called by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Friday morning, left for Mobile, Ala., by plane that afternoon and drove to Pascagoula Saturday to examine Hickson and Parker.

"After considerable questioning necessary to convince them that I was harmless to them, I was able to use ordinary hypnotic techniques to regress them to back through the experience," he said.

The youngest man had the adventure when he was taken aboard the craft and could not give a complete account of his experience. Harder said.

"The older man remained conscious but he was so terrorized that I couldn't take him through the whole experience. I had to break off the hypnosis experience at a point where I knew it was painful to her."

HAROLD THEN joined in the conversation by Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department.

"These three persons in the project," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

Harder and Hynek propose to say they suppose that Hickson and Parker were collecting information, but he said that in that case they'd have to be identical hallucinations.

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The Soviet news agency Tass reported early in the week that Russian radio observatories had picked up a pattern of radio signals of a type never before heard.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russian report said.

The possibility that intelligent life may exist elsewhere is not taken lightly by the scientific community. Many scientists believe the odds are great, even overwhelming, that life of some kind exists in some other star system in our galaxy and beyond.

Both the United States and Russia are actively listening for radio signals from an intelligent civilization trying to make contact.

But Dr. William Howard, assistant director of the National Radio Astronomical Observatory, said the U.S. had heard no such signals and that Russia had not reported their frequency and position in the sky.

Dr. Carl Sagan, noted astronomer from Cornell University which operates the world's largest radio observatory in Puerto Rico, said the reports of the signals from space should not be linked with the rash of UFO sightings.

The Air Force, after a two year $530,740 study wrote its conclusions in "Project Blue Book."

Dr. Edward U. Condon, a physicist who headed the study, said in an interview last April he thought the effort was "a waste of government money."

But Dr. Allen Hynek, the Northwestern astronomer, disagrees. He said a government agency should be established to study the problem.

"The UFO business has been going on for a quarter century," he said. "We should cut the nonsense and get down to study."

Stuart Nixon, executive director of the private National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said the danger in dealing with UFO reports is that something important may be dismissed among the large number of explainable sightings.

"A majority are going to turn out to have very conventional explanations," he said. "We've got to be honest about that."

Astronomers say the source of many, if not most, of the reports probably are the planets Mars and Venus.

Balloons, stars, planes, birds, radar quirks, optical illusions and clouds also explained many UFO sightings in the past.

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After hypnotizing victims, scientists believe UFO tale

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Dr. James Harder, professor at the University of California, and Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Chicago, issued the statement after subjecting two Gautier men to four hours of hypnosis Saturday.

"These are not imbalanced people," said Dr. Hynek. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial (of earth)."

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, reported the incident Thursday night.

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"Where they came from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they are here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Both doctors said they conducted the hypnosis session on their own behalf although they were informed of the sighting by officials of Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi.

Hickson and Parker submitted to the session voluntarily, they said, following several tests with others. The tests were conducted at Walker's Shipyard, where both are employed.

Hickson and Walker went to Gulf Coast authorities Thursday night with their story about being taken aboard a UFO, examined and then released unharmed.

Hickson said the pair were taken aboard by creatures who had a reddish glow to them.

Both doctors said facts cited earlier of the incident were substantially correct. They did not elaborate, however.

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"We've other persons in the people," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

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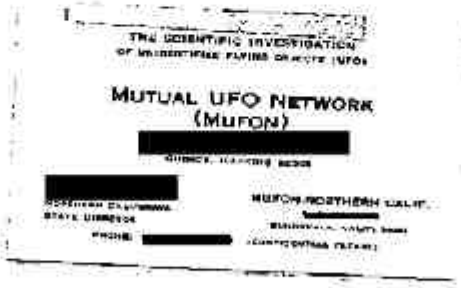

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Parascagoula men reported they were forced aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures, examined and put out unharmed.

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The report came from Charles Hickson, 45, foreman of a Pascagoula shipyard, and Calvin P. Parker, 19. Hickson confirmed the incident but said he would not discuss details of it or submit to questioning again.

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"I have got an open mind

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Mathis said the men were not drunk, and that officers received numerous calls at sightings from the fishermen headquarters in the same area.

And, Larry Booth, former Navy airplane mechanic, said he saw a round object with blinking red lights about 9 p.m. Thursday night.

"It was something," Booth said. "I knew it was not an airplane. It passed about 300 feet over my house and I watched it for at least five to ten minutes."

Hickson and Parker told deputies about 11 p.m. that they were fishing on the west bank of the Pascagoula River near U.S. 90 about 7 p.m. Thursday night "when a big flash lighted near them.

"They said they just stood there and watched the craft as it came down," he said. "Three people or whatever they were, floated out of the craft and left down into the ship."

Deputies said Hickson reported two of the creatures "got down and another put the two and took them inside."

Hickson said the two reported they were in the fiber glass craft for about 15 or 20 minutes and that they were being observed during the period by "what looked like a large spy."

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The two said they were recaptured during the period, he said, but "were scared to death."

Mathis said the two men told officers the creatures took them out of the craft and "sort of floated them back in where they were."

They described the creatures as about five feet tall, with two eyes and an opening under the eyes.

"They said the three creatures didn't appear to have clothes and made a slight buzzing sound," he said.

Hickson, reached at the shipyard today, said he would not comment on what he saw and he again talked with authorities.

"I told them I didn't want any publicity about it," Hickson said. "I will talk to them (officials) before I make any statements."

Hickson said he was on the job today but "my son all is gone, you can't imagine."

Mathis said deputies took statements from both men and later left them together in a room with a hidden tape recorder.

"They didn't know they were on tape," he said, "and didn't mention any hoax or anything like that. If you heard this tape you would believe they saw something . . . they were on the point of a heart attack almost."

Mathis said that Hickson told deputies that while he was aboard the craft he was "turned over and over," apparently being observed by "an electronic device."

Neither man was intoxicated, Mathis said, "but after it was over they went and had to have a drink or two. They said they had to have something to settle their nerves.

"If the young man doesn't go into shock today it will surprise me," the officer said. "If it is a hoax they should be in Hollywood. I'll say something happened because you just don't get men scared and all torn up like that without something happening."

The chief deputy said the men first tried to tell their story to Kreeker Air Force Base authorities, but that none was in the Sheriff's office.

They didn't know what to do, he said, "because they figured nobody would believe them."

Authorities said there were a few UFO reports along the Coast last weekend. There were numerous UFO sightings called in to authorities in Northeast Mississippi in recent weeks and police in several towns in Stone County reported UFOs Wednesday night.

A spokesman for Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi said that if the base did receive a call from the men then they probably would have been told to contact the proper authorities.

The spokesman said the Air Force has not been involved in the investigation of UFO reports since 1969, when a study on the subject was concluded.

The spokesman said the base had received UFO reports in recent weeks but that they were not confirmed by radar.

Booth, employe of a Pascagoula service station, said he went to an east end "when I looked up the object was about 100 feet above the ground and moving at an outward from the ground (also)."

Booth said the craft had no wings and "seemed to be motorized. It wasn't moving like a jet and had a dome, or bubble, on top of it.

"There was a reflection coming from the dome and it had red lights moving counter clockwise.

"If it was a commercial or military aircraft the F-106 would have shaken like it (a) storm," Booth said. "But (the) lights were all over red and there were streaks there as they were circling."

Booth said he was startled by a car horn when he heard the sound of the lights and the driver "asked me why I was screaming my head. I told him that 'I know you are going to laugh at me but would you believe I saw it too.'"

I'm Being Watched By Creatures From Outer Space

Charles Hickson says he's being watched by creatures in a UFO. The creatures are the same ones, he believes, that abducted him while he was fishing from a pier in Mississippi in 1973.

"I have the feeling they know where I am and what I'm doing at all times," the 45-year-old shipbuilder told MUSCATINE JOURNAL.

By JOYCE WILSON

SHIPBUILDER CHARLES HICKSON tells college students Marnie Farella about the time he was kidnapped by creatures from a UFO.

Pascagoula, Miss.

An elaborate construction from an Ocean ... in 1957. In June 1967, more than 20 persons saw the object at night with its characteristic shedding flying low over San Jose de Ventanas, Spain, sending shocks even 'moved creation. And, objects in a fantastic case last year that displayed motions claimed that were "illusion" showed a UFO which enclosed them while their were hiking in Pascagoula, Miss. The "creature" shown in one scene, remaining at the time of the U.S.D.I. retrograde move on the descriptions of the two men, Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson.

UFOs: Too Many To Be Untrue?

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Some of the most baffling cases of UFO encounters that have ever come to light are presented in the startling new book, "Beyond Earth: Man's Contact with UFOs." One of the outstanding accounts investigated by author Ralph Blum, with his wife Judy, is that of the two Mississippi fishermen who claimed they were taken aboard a spaceship by strange, silvery creatures and examined medically. The fishermen's testimony has remained unshaken after intense scrutiny and cross-checking. Here, in the first part of an exclusive ENQUIRER excerpt from this absorbing book, the fishermen relive their frightening experience aboard the spaceship.

New Book Reveals 2 Men's Amazing Story

We Were Captured

WHERE UFO LANDED: Open space in foreground is where Hickson and Parker say spaceship touched down and they were taken aboard.

In October 1973, NBC had arranged for Dr. J. Allen Hynek to come to New York to consult about a documentary program on UFOs.

Dr. Hynek is the chairman of Northwestern University's Dept. of Astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center. While serving as associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., he organized the NASA-sponsored satellite tracking program. For 15 years Dr. Hynek acted as UFO consultant to the U.S. Air Force, and he is now America's foremost scientific authority on UFOs.

Dr. Hynek was already on his way to New York on October 12 when the wire services carried the story that a UFO had landed in Pascagoula, Miss., and two men had been "floated" aboard by "creatures." Twenty-four hours later, I found myself on a plane headed for Mississippi accompanied by Dr. Hynek, who had canceled all his plans because Pascagoula sounded like an authentic UFO encounter. — RALPH BLUM

Saturday afternoon on the Gulf Coast. A hot wind blowing down the side streets of Pascagoula. Cranes and ships and drydock scaffolding visible in the distance, where the afternoon shift was letting out at Ingalls and Litton Shipyards. Farmers and their wives in from the piny woods doing their weekend shopping.

It looked like a normal afternoon in a southern town. But as we pulled up outside the sheriff's office, there were reporters from the Mississippi Press-Register and the Mobile Register, word of Dr. Hynek's arrival had already gotten around.

Chief Deputy Barney Mathis, a tall, sandy-haired worried-looking man in his late 30s, was there to greet us. Hynek drove with Mathis in a yellow car, and I followed them out to the W.B. Walker Shipyard.

A line of cars was parked in front of the small, modern shipyard offices. Groups of reporters were standing in the shade; cameras slung around their necks. Two TV units were already there. Everyone looked tense and expectant.

A few minutes later, Dr. James Hardee, professor of engineering at Herbert, arrived. Hardee, a consultant to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), had flown in from California that morning.

He had already spoken with Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, the two men who claimed to have been floated aboard a UFO.

"Well, Jim, what do you think?" Hynek asked.

"They seem sincere," said Hardee, "and they're sticking to their story. I'm going to try hypnosis."

Dr. William D. Bridges, the only psychiatrist in Pascagoula, was waiting in the reception room along with several men from the sheriff's office. Hynek, Hardee and Bridges went into an inner office where the interview with the two witnesses was to take place. Then somebody cried, "Here's Charlie and Calvin now."

Both were walked with their eyes cast down. They looked haggard and weary, dragged by fatigue and shock. It was now 36 hours since their alleged encounter with the UFO.

While Charlie and Calvin were in the inner office being questioned and undergoing time-regression hypnosis, Barney Mathis introduced me to Sheriff Fred Diamond, a slight, silver-haired man in a khaki suit. I asked Diamond what he thought about what had happened.

"Creatures, that's what they said. With long pointed ears, wrinkled skin, clawlike hands." Diamond shook his head. "Why did it have to happen in Jackson County?"

"Do you believe them?"

Diamond looked hard at me. "First thing they wanted to do was take a lie-detector test. Charlie — he was shook bad. You don't see a 45-year-old man break down and cry from excitement unless it's something really force happened.

He said to me, 'After what I already went through on this earth, why did I have to go through this? And it will happen again' — that's what he said."

"Happen again? To him or you mean?"

Diamond shrugged and a puzzled look came into his eyes.

"Charlie, he said inside the spaceship he was laid down on nothing — no weightless. He floated! And Calvin — I'm not easy excited, but I heard that boy pray when he was alone and thought nobody could hear. That's enough for me."

'They Were 5 Feet Tall With Long Pointed Ears, Wrinkled Skin and Clawlike Hands'

Dr. Hynek came out of the inner office and I asked him how it was going.

"Very slowly," he said. "Dr. Hardee's been hypnotizing other people, trying to get Charlie and Calvin used to the idea."

"Does he have to put them through it now?"

"Well, he feels it's necessary. For as then it relives the entire experience. But as they can be hypnotized again at some later date. In a few minutes we're going to put Charlie under. Then Calvin. It'll probably take a long time."

"But they've told you their story?"

"They sure have. It's one of the most amazing I've ever heard."

"What do you make of it?"

Hynek frowned. He is a man who looks much younger than his 67 years. He wears glasses, has a mustache and a trim graying goatee.

"I think they're telling the truth. I think they had a genuine UFO experience."

Hynek's views are borne out by the taped interview with the two men, made barely three hours after their experience.

The interview was conducted by Sheriff Diamond and Captain Glen Ryder at approximately 11 o'clock Thursday evening.

There was a weight in Charlie's voice. As though he were having to push the words up, heave them out.

"Calvin and me, this boy — he works with me — we went down below the green pier-ster along the river. We caught a few hardheads down there, a couple of croakers, not much. So I said to Calvin, 'Son, let's go up by the old Shumaker Shipyard. I've caught redfish there, and speckled trout.'

"Well, we was over over there in my little white. We sat there fishing. I don't know how — I guess we must've seen the thing the same time. It's a blue light. It circled a bit.

"Then it got a little white, it come right down above the house. You know, about 2-3 feet above the ground."

How close was it?

"Twenty-five, 30 yards. But it might have been 35, 40 yards. You see something like that, it scares you to death! And I couldn't believe it. I started to head for the river —"

Was there a noise to it?

"A little hustle' sound — mmmmm, mmmmmm — just like that. That's all. Wasn't any back blast or anything.

"So we was right on the river. It didn't hit the ground. It hovered. And all of a sudden — right in the end of it — this opening was just up there, and three of them just floated out of the thing. They wasn't on no ground."

They didn't have feet?

"No, they didn't have 'em. But they had feet shape . . . it was more or less just a roundlike thing on a leg — if you'd call it a leg . . . I was scared to death. And me with a spastic foot out there — it's all I had. I couldn't — well, I was so scared — well, you can't run against. Calvin done went hysterical on me —"

Then what happened? They walk on up to you?

"They just — no, they just glided on there to me. Then one of 'em made a little hustle' noise, and two of 'em never made no noise."

What kind of noise?

"Just zzzzzz zzzzzzzz."

It sound like a machine?

"Yeah, like that. It might have been contactin' the others. See, I don't know. By then I was so shook scared I didn't know anything.

"And two of 'em just floated around behind me and then just lifted me right off the ground."

By your arms?

"By my arms. With their pincher things. They most of done paralyzing I pair raised off the ground."

They didn't use no force though?

"No force. They didn't hurt me. I didn't feel nothin'."

How was your buddy doin' then?

"He just passed out on me. And they grabbed me help that thing. You know, now you just guide somebody. All of us moved like we were floatin' through air. When I got in there, they had me, you know, they just kind of had me there. There were no seats, no chairs, they just moved me around. I couldn't resist them. I just floated — felt no sensation, no pain. They kept me in that position

CREATURE: Charles Hickson approved this sketch of one of the UFO occupants.

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a little while, then they'd raise me back up."

"You said they had some kind of instrument on you, didn't you?

"Some kind of instrument. I don't know what it was. I didn't see anything that I could call an instrument that I've ever seen before."

What did it look like? Could you describe it?

"I just couldn't describe it."

Was it like an X-ray machine?

"No it wasn't like no X-ray machine. There ain't no way to describe it. It looked like an eye. Like a big eye. It had some kind of an attachment to it. It moved. It looked like a big eye. And it went all over my body. Up and down. And then they left me."

They left you inside the machine?

"Left me right by myself. And the position they had me in — I couldn't move. Just my eyes could move. And I don't know how long they left me. I don't even know if I slowed conscious but I think I did. And then they came back."

How long did they leave you?

"I don't know. I never wear no watch."

How long would you say?

"I'd say 20 to 30 minutes. Then, when they came back, they laid me back over again."

You didn't try to talk to 'em, ask 'em what was going on?

"Yes — I did! But I'd get a bizarre sound out of one of 'em. That's all. They didn't pay me no attention, no talkin' or anything."

How many eyes did they have?

"There could have been two but I didn't see any. But there was something that came straight out where a nose would be on a human being."

They have any hair?

"I don't know. I just swear I don't know. That's blank in my mind."

You looked at 'em didn't you? Did they breathe?

"I swear I don't know."

How tall were they?

"They were about five feet tall."

They didn't have no kind of clothes on or nothing?

"Not as I noticed."

And you can't tell what color they were?

"Man, you scared as I was —"

Were they white-looking? Pale? Blue? Green?

"Real I remember, they looked pale-like to me —"

Wrinkled skin?

"It might have been. It looked kind of like a shiny fit. They might've had something on, they might not've. I don't know."

You say below the nose there was an opening?

"Like a slit — and I never saw that openin' move. And they had something on each side of the head that resembled ears. It didn't look like ears that we know. And the head — I didn't see any neck.

"It looked like it just sit there on a body."

Was this right after dark?

"It wasn't too long after dark."

Well, why you waitin' 'till this time of night to tell us?

"Well, Mr. Ford, when I got out of there, I knowed nobody wouldn't believe me. I went by the Natchitoches Press; kept on the door. This guy was sittin' at the desk. I said I wanted to see a reporter. He said there won't be no reporter till morning. I thought about it again. If I call the sheriff's department, they won't believe me. If I call the police department they won't believe me —"

Well, how'd you know unless you tried?

"Well I apologize for that. But that's just my thinking about it."

You remember leaving?

"Leavin' where?"

The ship. When they put you out.

"The only thing I remember is that kid, Calvin, just standing there. I never seen that sort of fear on a man's face as I saw on Calvin's. It took me a while to get him back to his senses, and the first thing I told him was, 'Son, ain't nobody gonna believe this. Let's just keep this whole thing to ourselves.' Well, the more I thought about it, the more I thought I had to let some officials know."

What did they do after they let you go?

"There was a buzzin' sound, and it was gone."

Can you describe the vehicle?

"Yes, I can. It was about eight feet tall. It wasn't round. It was oblong, sort of oblong, and the opening it had was at one end of it. The only lights I seen on the outside was that blue light."

Inside, what lights they have?

"I didn't see no bulbs or anything. It just glowed light. But it was real bright."

Now both Charlie and Calvin began talking at it to themselves:

CALVIN: I passed out. I expect I never passed out in my whole life.

CHARLIE: I've never seen nothin' like that before in my life. You can't make people believe —

CALVIN: I don't want to keep sittin' here. I want to see a doctor —

CHARLIE: They better wake up and start buttevin' . . . they better start.

CALVIN: You see how that door done come right up?

CHARLIE: I don't know how it opened, son. I don't know.

CALVIN: It just laid up and just like that — just like that they came out.

CHARLIE: I know. You can't believe it. You can't make people believe it —

CALVIN: I was paralyzed right then. I couldn't move —

CHARLIE: They won't believe it. They gonna believe it one of these days. Might be too late. I know all along, they was people from other worlds up there. I know all along. I never thought it would happen to me.

CALVIN: You know yesterdi I don't drink.

CHARLIE: I know that, son.

CALVIN (panicky): I gotta go to the beaut. I'm gettin' sick. I gotta get out of here.

Then Charlie got up and left the room, and Calvin was alone.

CALVIN (softly): It's hard to believe . . . Oh God, it's awful . . . I know there's a God up there . . .

His words, as he prayed, became inaudible.

Larry Heath was one of the other men who had "seen something" that night. He runs a service station on Highway 36 at Hackett Street.

He told me his story:

"There was supposed to have been some more people seen things out in Pinecrest, where I live.

"When I got home, 'Kung Fu' was on TV. So I watched it till nine. Then I got me a glass of milk out of the refrigerator and went to the door to see was it locked. I looked out the door window and saw this object over the street, up in the air. I thought Kreeker Air Force Base was doing something.

"Didn't think much about it, except it was so low and traveling so slow, sort of drifting off to the west at 30 to 40 miles an hour. And it had lights all around it, lights burning in a counterclockwise motion. A continuous row of red lights turning, similar to a dome. Like a skylight on top of a house."

"Was it far away when you saw it?"

"Far away hell! The length of my driveway is two and a half cars. It was right over a telephone pole. If it'd been a helicopter, it'd have injured everybody in the neighborhood. But there was no sound at all.

"What scared me was past merging. The news about Charlie and Calvin. Then I remembered — I got the hell scared out of me then."

I called Captain Ron Willis, who run a local bigfoot fleet. He had something interesting to tell about the night Charlie and Calvin encountered the UFO:

"Turns out no one who doesn't have cable TV could get a picture that night," Willis said. "Our set went blotto. And the closer to the river you lived, the worse it was."

"Do you remember the time?" I asked.

"We turned the set on around 8:30," Willis said. "Had over an hour and a half of lousy picture, then gave up. I even went outside to check — thought the goddamn antenna had broke a wire."

I didn't have to wait for the 10 o'clock news to hear the press conference. I heard it on Dr. Hynek's tape recorder. It contained the strongest statements yet made by reputable scientists.

Hynek went first. He said:

"There's simply no question in my mind that these men have had a very real, frightening experience, the physical nature of which I am not certain about — and I don't think we have any answers to that. But I think we should very definitely point out that under no circumstances should these men be ridiculed. They are absolutely honest. They have had a fantastic experience and also I believe it should be taken in context with reports across that others have had elsewhere in this country and in the world."

Then Harder really laid it on the line.

"The many reports made over the past 25, 30 years point to an objective reality that is not terrestrial. When you have eliminated all the probable explanations, and you still have something that you know is real, you're left with the less probable explanations, and I've been left with the conclusion — reduced, perhaps, to its conclusion — that we're dealing with an extra-terrestrial phenomenon. I can say no beyond any reasonable doubt."

QUESTION: Where do you think the craft came from?

HARDER: Where they're from or who they're here is a matter for speculation.

QUESTION: Then you think what Hickson and Parker are saying is what happened?

HARDER: The experience that they underwent was indeed a real one. A very strong feeling of terror is practically impossible to fake under hypnosis.

QUESTION: Do UFOs pose any threat? Do we have reason to fear them?

HARDER: If you pick up a mouse in a laboratory situation, it's very frightening to the mouse. But it doesn't mean that you mean the mouse any harm.

Later I called the sheriff's office and talked to Detective Tom Hamby. I almost couldn't believe what he told me. The night before Charlie and Calvin had their experience, some policemen in Orleans Parish, in Louisiana, had made a tape recording of a UFO taking off!

The man in charge of the operation was Lt. Robert Lenardo. I got his number from Huntley Lenardo was buzzed at first. He said to call back. When I did, he gave me instructions where to rendezvous in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans. I had him! I was on my way.

Capt. Huey Farrell, Capt. Noel Hampton, Sgt. William Le Blanc, and several others had been out with Lenardo on the night of Oct. 18, 1973. Their story was simple and impressive.

Avery Estates is a booming development in St. Tammany Parish. At about 11 o'clock that night, calls had started coming in to the sheriff's office and over CB (Civilian Band) radio, interfering with radio and TV interference as well as bad CB static. Then a man named Jimmy Fisher arrived home and saw something big, glowing "bright white" right up over his house. Dogs were howling, people were not watching it, according to Lenardo and Farrell, when the police unit arrived.

"The thing was still right there over the house," Noel Hampton said. "About 400-500 feet up. It looked like a big silvery hamburger hanging there in the air. We couldn't believe it."

"Then the damn thing started to take off," Lenardo took up the story. "I remembered I had my tape recorder in the car and ran to switch it on. Man, it was weird, this humming sound. Not like a wind roar. More a cross between jires at high speed and a freight train. Like sounds you'd hear in the middle of a tornado."

They played me the tape. I'd never heard anything quite like it: a generator hum that rose in pitch and suddenly shifted into a surreal key; a droning whine full of intense energy. It gave the sense of something huge rotating at great speed. Then, abruptly, silence.

NEXT WEEK: a police officer of outstanding character describes his mind-boggling encounter with space aliens who took him aboard their flying saucer and showed him how it works.

THE VICTIMS: Charles Hickson (right) and Calvin Parker pictured during questioning after they reported ordeal at hands of strange creatures.

'Two of Them Floated Around Behind Me and Lifted Me Off the Ground'

RALPH and JUDY BLUM

Pascagoula, Miss. case

'Space Men's' Capture of Fishermen 'Not a Hoax'

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By John Kendall
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"Real Experience"

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Harder, consultant for the private, nonprofit Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., used hypnosis in examining the two men.

"I was able to regress each of them into the experience," he said. "Their reaction of fear and terror was evidence to me beyond a reasonable doubt that they were reliving an experience."

Hickson and Parker, two shipyard workers from Pascagoula, Miss., said they were fishing on a river pier Thursday when a blue-colored object appeared and three objects floated from it.

What they saw had wrinkled skin, pointed ears, eye slits, sharp noses and holes below their noses, the men said. They reported that they were taken aboard the craft, then released.

Hypnotic Techniques

"After considerable preliminaries necessary to convince them that it was harmless to them, I was able to use ordinary hypnotic techniques to regress them back through the experience," Harder said.

The younger man lost consciousness when he was taken aboard the craft and could not give a complete account of his experience, Harder said.

"The older man retained consciousness, but he was so terrorized that I couldn't take him through the whole experience. I had to break off the hypnotic experience at a point where it became too painful to him."

Harder was joined in the examination by Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University astronomy department.

"These are not imbalanced people," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

Harder said skeptics probably will suggest that Hickson and Parker were suffering hallucinations, but he said that in that case they'd have to be identical hallucinations.

Sheriff Fred Diamond of Jackson County, Miss., said, "They are sincere. If it is a hoax, they should be in Hollywood."

Three other persons in the Pascagoula area reported seeing unidentified flying objects that same night.

Disclaim UFO Sightings in Ohio

COLUMBUS, OHIO (AP) — Astronomy experts and Air Force officials disclaimed on Monday reports of mysterious flying objects sighted by central Ohians over the weekend.

Police and sheriff's deputies in Madison, Jefferson and Highland counties said they were investigating a rash of telephone calls involving an amber light that not only hovered over several areas, but repeatedly landed, broke fences and killed a cow.

A spokesman for the astronomy department at Ohio State University brushed off the sightings as "natural objects or intentional fraud."

And an officer at Lockbourne Air Force Base south of Columbus noted that the Air Force had stopped investigating unidentified flying objects (UFOs) nearly three years ago after an intensive investigation revealed "no conclusive evidence" to believe that extraterrestrial beings had visited earth.

"From a scientific point of view there is insufficient data to determine whether these sightings have any validity or not," said Ray Moses, in charge of public relations for the astronomy department at Ohio State.

He said the department gets many calls about UFOs, "but as far as all of them have fallen into two categories — either natural objects or intentional fraud."

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'UFO Visitors' Quizzed

PASCAGOULA, Miss., Oct. 12. — (UPI) — Two shipyard workers who claimed they were hauled aboard a UFO and examined by silvery-skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears were checked at a military hospital Friday and found to be clear of radiation.

Doctors at nearby Keesler Air Force Base examined Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, as a precautionary measure after they came forth with their weird tale.

Officials said the men — both employed at Walker Shipyards where Hickson is a foreman—would make no further public statements concerning their story until they talked further with federal authorities.

Jackson County Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said the men told him they were fishing from an old pier on the west bank of Pascagoula River about 7 p.m. Thursday when they noticed a strange aircraft about two miles away emitting a bluish haze.

They said he moved closer and then appeared to hover about three or four feet above the water then "three whatever-they-were came out, either floating or walking, and carried us into the ship," officers quoted Hickson as saying.

"The things had big eyes. They kept us about 20 minutes, photographed us and then took us back to the pier.

"The only sound they made was a buzzing-humming sound. They left in a flash."

"These are reliable people," Sheriff Fred Diamond said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

The sheriff said the "spacecraft" was described as fish-shaped, about 30 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-gray skin, no hair, long pointed ears and noses with an opening for a mouth and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled," he said.

The sheriff's office said it received several other calls during the night from residents who reported seeing a bright object in the sky.

Similar reports have been reported in many parts of the state during the past couple of weeks.

Capt. Glen Ryder of the sheriff's department, who questioned both men Thursday night, said he first thought "they were pulling my leg."

"We did everything we knew to break their stories," Ryder said. "But both stories fit. If they were lying to me, they should be in Hollywood."

Mathis said Hickson appeared to be a "reasonable man" and was not a heavy drinker, according to his wife and employer. Authorities said both men said they were not drinking when the incident occurred, but admitted "they went to have a drink or two" after it was over.

"They had to have something to settle their nerves," said Mathis.

Hickson said that while he and Parker were inside the unidentified craft, he was placed on some kind of table and examined from head to foot by what he described as something like an electronic eye.

Pascagoula, Miss.

Little red men???

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Fishermen claim they were taken into UFO

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP)— Federal officials are being asked to look into the bizarre story of two fishermen who said Jackson County authorities they were taken aboard a UFO Thursday night.

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin R. Parker, 19, both of Pascagoula went to officials with a story of being hoisted to a hovering craft by mechanical creatures examined for about 30 minutes and then released unharmed.

"They are sincere," said Sheriff Fred Durrand Friday. "I believe their story is true."

Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said both men were not drunk or under the influence of drugs when they approached county authorities with their story. Both men repeated about the same details in two talks with officials and "if it is a hoax they should be in Hollywood."

Mathis said the men did not give an indication of a deception when alone in a room which had a hidden tape recorder present.

"If you heard the tape, you would believe they saw something. They were on the point of a heart attack almost," Mathis said.

Authorities said other reported sightings of an unidentified flying object were made Thursday night. One sighting was made by three persons in a car near where Hickson and Parker said they were taken aboard the craft.

Those three included a preacher and a former Pascagoula councilman. It was flying low in the direction where the two men were," Durrand said.

Larry Bass, former Navy airplane mechanic, said he saw a round object with blinking red lights about 9 p.m. Thursday night.

"I knew it was not an airplane," Bass said, saying the craft had no wings and "seemed to be hovering slowly. It wasn't moving like a jet and had a dome or bubble on top of it.

"There was a reflection coming from the dome and it had red lights moving counterclockwise. If it was a commercial or military aircraft, the lights would have changed as it rotated," Bass said.

Hickson and Parker were examined by officials at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Friday and then allowed to return home.

Durrand said doctors at Keesler "found no sign of radiation or physical damage . . . they (doctors) officials are now convinced something did happen."

The two said they were abducted by the creatures while fishing along the West Bank of the Pascagoula River.

"A blue light hovered near them," Mathis said. "They got afraid there and wanted the craft as it came down. These people, or whatever they were (came out of the craft, and took them into the ship."

The two said the creatures did not use force and that they did not feel like they were walking. Hickson said he was placed on the floor inside the craft for about 10 to 20 minutes and that they were observed by "what was like a large eye."

After being turned over reportedly for apparent examination, Hickson said the aliens "put us (them) back to where it were."

Hickson described the creatures as two about five feet tall with red eyes and an opening under the eyes.

He refused to talk about the incident Friday following an release from observation. "I'm all to pieces, you can't imagine," he said.

Mississippi has had repeated sightings of unidentified flying objects within the past week. The reports of UFOs, some of which a red glow in them, began in the northern section of the state.

Several sightings were reported along the coast during the past few days.

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1973

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

Deputy Shoots at UFO-- with a Super 8 Camera

Eight Other Saucer-Type Events Reported

A lieutenant on the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's staff claims to have photographed an unidentified flying object with a Super 8 mm movie camera.

Lt. Robert Lenardo showed his color film Tuesday in the studios of WWL-TV. It was replete with brilliant red, yellow and luminous white flashes of light which he says came from the object he observed near the Bogalusa last Wednesday night.

A film processor and professional photographer both said the colors were produced by the film's inadvertent exposure to light.

But, in addition to the colors, a small oval object flashed across the film on several occasions. When the film was stopped at one point, the object resembled a light attached to a stationary object, much like a lamp post.

Lt. Lenardo said he watched the object, which he described as larger than an airplane, for one or two hours at the home of Slidell policeman James Fisher in an area near the Pigeon.

He said he shot the film with a camera he borrowed from Fisher. The object was 300 to 500 feet high and moved "almost at the speed of light," he said.

Meanwhile, other reports of UFOs accumulated:

—At LSUNO, Charles Steingrunt, a student, said he and eight companions spotted a disc-shaped object hovering in the sky between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday. He said the students photographed the object and the film is being developed.

Meanwhile, a newsman in Hammond says he thinks he saw the same thing Steingrunt did, flashing red green and yellow lights in the sky Monday night.

—In the Mississippi cities of Meridian, Columbus and Pascagoula, many said they saw flashing lights in the sky which they could not identify. Precise descriptions of the lights, however, varied.

—In Gulfport, Miss., John Lane, a taxi driver, said his cab was stalled after he saw a blue light coming in from the Gulf. He said the object landed on U.S. 90 in front of the cab. He said he heard a tapping sound on his windshield and saw a flesh-colored creature with bright eyes and a crab-like claw. Lane said his radio went dead and he did not look up again until another cab driver stopped to give him assistance.

—On the West Bank Joseph Di Battista, clerk of the Second City Court in Algiers, said he and his wife observed a brilliant light in the eastern sky last Wednesday. Mrs. Sarah DeFabain, 601 11th St. in Harvey, said she observed a similar sight on three different nights.

—In Meridian, Miss., Charles Timm a sports reporter for the Meridian Star, said he saw an unidentified object in the sky about 400 feet in the sky before it "reversed direction and disappeared rapidly due west."

—In Talladega, Ala., the state police office was flooded with calls reporting a "flying saucer" had landed in the Benfroe community near there. It turned out to be a National Weather service balloon.

—In Washington Parish a deputy said he and two other law enforcement officers watched a "pale-orange" UFO "swing like a pendulum" for about a half hour. Deputy Jerry Brumfield said the object occasionally would travel at a fast rate of speed in a northerly direction then swing back and forth.

—In Jackson County, Miss., Sheriff Fred Diamond said he has asked the U.S. Air Force for help in explaining the sightings and the incident in which two Pascagoula shipyard workers said they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object last Friday, several Orleans Parish criminal deputies said they sighted an unidentified flying object near Slidell, recorded its sounds and photographed it.

Residents of the Slidell area have reported numerous such sightings over the past week.

THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1973

Miss. Men Claim Visit in UFO; Maybe Chicken Little Was Right

Two Mississippi men say they were taken aboard an alien spacecraft near Pascagoula late Thursday night, examined by three strange beings and released.

Charles Hickson, 45, a shipyard foreman, and 39-year-old Calvin Parker told authorities they were fishing on the Pascagoula River when the beings emerged from a hovering craft that glowed and drew them inside.

The beings were each described as pale but reddish, about five feet tall, with a mouth-like opening under two large eyes.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said he and authorities at Keesler Air Force Base were "convinced" that "something did happen."

In another incident revealed Friday, several Orleans Parish criminal deputies said they sighted an unidentified flying object near Slidell, recorded its sounds and photographed it.

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Slidell goes starry-eyed over UFO

Law enforcement agencies in St. Tammany Parish were flooded Tuesday night with reports of unidentified flying objects.

The sheriff's office in Slidell said, however, that there was nothing to them.

Sgt. Michael Canulette said he looked at the yellow-ish object through binoculars and, "It didn't do a darn thing."

"I watched what everybody was pointing at, and I think they were all looking at a star," Canulette said.

He said the reports described the object as having points and colors ranging from red, to green, to yellow but, Canulette said he didn't see anything like that.

National television network reports said the object was picked up on military radar, but the reports were denied by a spokesman for Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Miss.

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PASCAGOULA, Miss. UPI -
A lie detector test indicated Tuesday that a shipyard worker was telling the truth about being taken aboard a UFO by three crab-clawed creatures from outer space.

Charles Hickson, 40, was given the test by Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans, and repeated the harrowing tale he and a co-worker told authorities earlier this month.

"It is my opinion that he told the truth when he stated that he believes he saw a spaceship, that he was taken into the spaceship, and that he saw three creatures," Glasgow said.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 18, have maintained under intense questioning that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the night sky.

They said three crab-clawed creatures with wrinkly skin and pointed ears emerged from the craft and took them inside, where they were examined by an instrument that looked like a giant eye.

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Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said the two men were "scared to death and shaking all over" when they reported the experience to officers. And Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men.

The polygraph tests were administered to Hickson in cooperation with Diamond's department at the request of an attorney for Hickson and Parker. The younger man did not take the test.

They have told their story to two nationally-recognized scientists. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department, interviewed the men under hypnosis.

He said, "there is no question in my mind that these men have had a terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Hynek was scientific consultant to Project Bluebook when it was conjucted on UFOs by the Air Force in the 1960s.

A firm which specializes in evaluating psychological stress said after another interview with the two Gautier men that their story did not appear to be a hoax.

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SCIENTISTS SAY UFO TALE TRUE

Coast Men Are Tested After Experience

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP)—Two scientists said two men who claimed they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object earlier this week were telling the truth.

Dr James Hanfer, professor at the University of California, and Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Chicago, issued the statement after subjecting two Gautier men to four hours of hypnosis Saturday.

"These are not imbalanced people," said Dr. Hynek. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial (of earth)."

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, reported the incident Thursday night.

Both said they were taken aboard the UFO by reddish-colored men for observation.

POINTED EARS

Hynek and Hanger said they were convinced Hickson and Parker "did see strange wrinkledcreatures with pointed ears, slits for eyes, a sharp nose and a hole below the nose."

"Where they come from and why they were here is matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they are here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Both doctors said they conducted the hypnosis session on their own behalf although they were informed of ines ignung by officials of Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi.

Hickson and Parker submitted to the session voluntarily, they said, following several tests with others. The tests were conducted at Walker's Shipyard, where both are employed.

RELEASED UNHARMED

Hickson and Walker went to Gulf Coast authorities Thursday night with their story about being taken aboard a UFO, examineda nd then released unharmed.

Hickson said the pair were taken aboard by creatures who had a reddish glow to them.

Both doctors said facts cited earlier of the incident were substantially correct. They did not elaborate, however.

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Two fishermen relive 'capture by UFO' under hypnotism

By JOHN KENDALL
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Dr. James Harder of the university's engineering college said his examination of Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 18, convinced him that "it's not a hoax.

"IT'S AN entirely real experience that they had," Harder said in a telephone interview Monday from Berkeley. "There is no room for fraud in this case."

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HARDER WAS called by the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization Friday morning, left for Mobile, Ala., by plane that afternoon and drove to Pascagoula Saturday to examine Hickson and Parker.

"After considerable preliminaries necessary to convince them that it was harmless to them, I was able to use ordinary hypnotic techniques to regress them back through the experience," he said.

The younger man lost consciousness when he was taken aboard the craft and could not give a complete account of his experience, Harder said.

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St. Charles residents fail to catch UFOs

Nervous St. Charles residents chased blinking red, green and white lights in their pickup trucks but were outdistanced by the mysterious UFOs.

The sightings began about 8 p.m. Thursday in the Weldon Springs-Harvester areas of the southeast section of the county when residents reported seeing lights moving at tree level.

Sheriff's deputies said some of the residents drove off in pickup trucks and tried to catch up with the lights but were soon outdistanced.

One girl reported she saw a bright white light hovering over the Three Flags Restaurant at the west end of the Missouri River Highway 70 Bridge.

Sheriff Robert A. Koestar said he can't accept reports from two of his own deputies who claim to have seen UFOs. "I just don't believe in UFOs," he said.

2A St. Louis Globe-Democrat Oct. 20-21, 1973

Minister Believes UFOs on River

Service of the Chicago Daily News

Chicago—A Missouri Pentecostal minister who sighted two unidentified flying objects near his home a year ago said today he believes UFOs are still plying the Mississippi River area.

The Rev. Edgar Harrison said the latest sighting by two fishermen near Pascagoula, Miss., led him to the conclusion. Mr. Harrison, who works as foreman of the Louisiana, Mo. water department, said, "I think maybe they follow the Mississippi River so they can land on water."

Two fishermen, Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, both of Gautier, Miss., said they were taken aboard the UFO last Thursday by three weird creatures. They said the creatures had wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointed ears.

A Northwestern University astronomer who interviewed the two men said their story indicates a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," said Professor Allen Hynek. "But the fact that they are here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

The professor warned about undue national panic.

"These witnesses were utterly and thoroughly frightened by it," he said. "I'm worried that it could lead to a panic situation, and this country is uneasy enough now as it is. People could go off half-cocked and imagine the country was being invaded."

Hynek proposed that a group of university scientists be formed to investigate UFO reports, since the U.S. Air Force no longer undertakes such studies.

"This thing is global," said Hynek. "Either a group of scientists or the United Nations should handle it."

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Astronomer believes:

Two saw craft from another planet

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — A Northwestern University astronomer says the "very terrifying experience" of two men indicates that a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Dr. Allen Hynek said, "but the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Hynek and Dr. James Harder of the University of California, interviewed by hypnosis two shipyard workers who told authorities they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the sky.

Charles Hickson, 42, and 19-year-old Calvin Parker, both of the Gautier community, have maintained throughout a weekend of intense questioning that they were taken aboard the craft by three weird creatures with wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointed ears.

Hynek, who was scientific consultant to Project Blue Book when it was conducted on UFOs by the U.S. Air Force in the 1960's, said after talking to Parker and Hickson:

"There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Hickson and Parker, "both scared to death and shaking all over," told the Jackson County sheriff's office of their bizarre experience Thursday night.

Sheriff Fred Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men because they were "scared to death and on the verge of a heart attack."

Other residents of the Pascagoula area reported to the sheriff's office they saw a similar UFO in the vicinity of the fishing location about the time the two men maintain they did.

The men, who have volunteered to undergo lie-detector tests, were checked for radiation exposure Friday at Keesler Air Force Base, but the results were negative.

Hynek said although the men were liable to be hypnotized "their experience was so traumatic that it was essential to progress slowly."

"These are not imbalanced people," Harder said. "They're not crackpots."

"There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial, of the earth," he said.

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Tidbits

Seized by spacecraft:

Two shipyard workers at Pascagoula, Miss., were fishing off an old pier on the Pascagoula River when, they say, they heard a buzzing noise and saw a bright, flashing blue light. The object, they say, turned out to be spacecraft. Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, say three creatures with wrinkled, silvery-gray skin, no hair, long pointed ears and nose and hands like crab claws floated out of the space craft, seized them, and took them aboard. Hickson says he was examined by instrument that looked like old-eye then released. Parker says he passed out soon after creatures appeared and can't remember what happened. Sheriff's Deputy Barney Mathis says two were not drunk.

Robots' 'Guest' Sticks To Story

By DOUGLAS R. SEASE

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Charlie Hickson has been doing a lot of thinking since that 1973 October night when he told authorities a bizarre tale of being taken aboard a spacecraft by three "things."

"To the day I die I'll believe the same thing," the 45-year-old shipyard worker said. "Those things were not from the Earth.

"I believe they were robots," he said. "I'm convinced to my satisfaction that they were robots controlled by a mother ship somewhere. They acted like they had a job to do and they just did it. They didn't make any attempts to communicate and I didn't notice they were breathing.

"I'm no expert on space and I don't know about the galaxies and solar systems," Hickson admitted, "but I've had an opportunity to look through some big telescopes since it happened and I believe there's life out there and it's closer than we think it is."

Hickson and his friend Calvin Parker, then 19, had finished their workday at Walker Shipyards early in the afternoon of Oct. 11, 1973. They were fishing in the Pascagoula River from an old pier in the abandoned Schaupeter Shipyard about dark when Hickson said he heard a sound "like air or steam escaping from a pressure line."

Hickson said he looked up and saw an oblong metallic device some 30 feet in length hovering off the ground about 40 feet away, with two blue lights flashing in the gathering dusk.

A door opened from midway along the length of the craft and three things vaguely resembling human forms drifted out and toward him and Parker, Hickson recalled. The things seized the two frightened shipyard workers and took them inside the device where an eye-like mechanism carefully scanned them for between 30 minutes and an hour. The same three creatures then delivered them unharmed back on the ground near the shipyard water tower.

Hickson and Parker were subjected to a barrage of questions from authorities, scientists and reporters in the weeks after their experience. They stuck to their story.

Even in a jail cell containing a concealed tape recorder, the two men marveled over their experience. Lie detector operators who tested them agreed that something strange indeed had occurred in Schaupeter Shipyard.

After the initial frenzy surrounding them had died down, Hickson said he continued to receive letters from all over the world from people who said they had undergone similar experiences.

"I spoke with Jean Dixon (a psychic) about this and she fully believed me," Hickson said. "She said they came from a planet that's just beyond Jupiter, and our astronomers think is there, but they haven't seen it since Jupiter is always between it and the Earth."

Calvin Parker now leads a somewhat reclusive life in his hometown of Laurel, Miss., and the changes the experience wrought in Hickson's life are less profound than one might imagine.

He's still working as a welder to support his wife and the four of his five children still at home. The family lives in a small apartment furnished with a worn couch and dimestore prints of a matador and a Spanish woman.

But Hickson said his intellectual horizons have been broadened since the experience.

"I lived in my own little world then," he said. "I didn't think about things like this. The experience has helped to educate me in a lot of things.

CHARLIE HICKSON
Inspected by robots, he says.

"I was reared as a hardshell Baptist and done quite a bit of studying of the Bible. Maybe some other hardshell Baptists would say I shouldn't be talking like this, but I still believe in God or a master mind with a master plan.

"But why would a master mind with a master plan, who can create a universe so large we can't know where it ends, put us here and nobody else on all the billions and billions of galaxies and trillions and trillions of planets?"

"When the Bible was wrote maybe he saw no reason to worry us with all that other," Hickson theorized, "but maybe now he thinks it's time and they're the messengers. I don't know."

Hickson has not gotten rich from his experience despite several lucrative offers from television and film companies.

"They wanted to turn mine it, put things in it that didn't happen," he said of his decision to reject the offers.

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'CREATURES WITH POINTED EARS'

UFO 'Captive' Passes Lie Test

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) —One of two shipyard workers who claim they were taken aboard a bizarre unidentified flying object by three strange creatures two weeks ago passed a lie detector test Tuesday.

Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans, said 42-year-old Charles Hickson is apparently "telling the truth as to what he believes he saw."

"It is my opinion that he told the truth when he stated that he believes he saw a spaceship, that he was taken into the spaceship and that he saw three creatures," Glasgow said.

Hickson and a young companion, Calvin Parker, told Jackson County authorities Oct. 11 that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River when a "dish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the sky.

The two men, who have undergone intensive questioning about the incident, maintain they were taken aboard the craft by three pink-clawed beings with wrinkly skin and pointed ears.

The polygraph tests were administered in cooperation with the Jackson County sheriff's office at the request of an attorney for Hickson and Parker.

Parker, who did not take the test, told questioning officers earlier that he saw the craft approaching and the creatures emerge, but fainted and remembered nothing after that point.

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Two Mississippi Men Recount Abduction by 'Space Creatures'

United Press International

PASCAGOULA, Miss., Oct. 13 — Two shipyard workers say they were taken aboard a glowing blue spacecraft by buzzing creatures with silvery, wrinkled skin. Sheriff Fred Diamond is sure "something did happen to them."

"These are reliable people," Sheriff Diamond said. "They had no reason to say it if it had not been true.

"I was scared and I'm still scared and shook up over it," said one of the men, Charles Hickson, 45. "I've never experienced anything like that and I hope I don't ever again."

Whatever happened took place around 7 PM Thursday while Mr. Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing off an old pier on the west bank of the Pascagoula River near here.

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"ALL OF a sudden we heard something like a buzzing sound," said Mr. Hickson, "and I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

He said it appeared to be "hovering" a few feet over the ground and "one end just opened, . . . and I saw three things coming out. They seemed to be floating across the water a couple of feet high."

"Before I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted from the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

He said he was carried to the "craft" where he was examined by "some kind of instrument . . . It reminded me of a Big Eye" which "covered my entire body."

He said he was not harmed and "didn't have any sensation whatsoever. I was just helpless."

Mr. Parker, who also works at a local shipyard, said he was taken to the craft too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared and could not remember what happened afterward.

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BOTH MEN admitted to authorities they took "a stiff drink" after they were released but said they had not been drinking before. Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said they definitely were not intoxicated.

Sheriff Diamond said the "space craft" was described as fish-shaped, about 20 feet square with an 8-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-gray skin with no hair, long pointed ears and noses, with an opening for a mouth, big eyes, and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled and the only sound they made was a humming-humming sound."

Neither man suffered any apparent injuries but they were taken Friday to a military hospital at nearby Keesler Air Force Base to be checked for possible radiation exposure as a precaution. Keesler officials said an examination by Air Force physicians found no evidence of radiation.

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HICKSON (LEFT) AND PARKER tell about their experience.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two Mississippi shipyard workers, Charles E. Hickson, 45, and Calvin H. Parker Jr., 39, were mysteriously lifted aboard a flying saucer and "examined" by its robot-like crew. Doctors and police who investigated their remarkable experience are convinced they told the truth about their ordeal. The following exclusive first-person account was given to TATTLER correspondent Gary Holland in Gautier, Miss. The account is primarily given by Hickson.

By CHARLES HICKSON
and
CALVIN PARKER

We were fishing behind the old Hoagerter Shipyard building on the Pascagoula River. I turned to get some more bait, when I heard a slipping sound.

I turned around and saw a spacecraft with bright, flashing, thin-looking lights. It just hovered without touching the ground.

It seemed to open up, but there really wasn't a door there at all. Three creatures came floating out toward us. I was so scared that I couldn't believe it was happening.

The creatures were pale, ghost-like, about five feet high. They were sort of light flesh-colored, or more pale gray, with crab-like claws for hands and rounded feet.

THE CREATURES were on us before we knew it. Two of them seemed to lift me off the ground, and I became motionless and glided into the craft. (Parker said he passed out as he was carried into the craft.)

After I got inside, I had no feelings. I was helpless, but I could still move my eyes.

It was real bright inside, but no particular color. There were no light fixtures, but it was plenty bright.

Something big and round, which looked like a big eye, moved back and forth across my body. The two creatures moved one around so the eye could check me in various positions. I just kind of floated without touching anything. I didn't see any attachment for the eye. It was just kind of suspended in air.

THE TWO THINGS left me for a while, maybe half a minute, and I was in there just meditating. All I could do was move my eyes.

I never felt any pain. They didn't hurt us at all.

Later, they carried me back outside and I floated down on my feet. I was so weak-kneed, I think I fell over. The creatures didn't walk at all. Their legs stayed together and they floated.

After I have thought more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it. They didn't try to communicate with us.

I HEARD ONE OF them make a buzzing sound. It might have been in contact with something somewhere else. I didn't see the opening in the front of the face mass.

I didn't see anything that looked like eyes. There was something pointing out like a nose and there an opening under this, but no eyes.

The craft, which was sort of rounded or oval, was about 9 to 10 feet wide and about 4 feet high.

It came open up in a split second and it left with a zip. It was gone in a half second.

They were on us so quick, we couldn't do anything. I doubt if we could have resisted them, if we had tried to. I'm sure they are far more advanced than we are.

I KNOW NOW THEY didn't intend to hurt us physically. But I feared they were going to take us away.

I want to emphasize to the people, please don't shoot at these things. They don't mean us any harm, I believe. If they come back, I could face them and try to communicate with them.

I honestly believe other people will go through similar experiences. I think these creatures will continue to probe this earth. We haven't seen the last of it.

I have always said there almost had to be some life elsewhere. Now I am a firm believer.

OUR LIVES WILL never be the same, but I felt we owed it to the people to tell what we saw. I don't believe I could live with it by myself. I believe we have done what is right.

The question I keep asking myself is, "Why a country boy like me?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The National Tattler recently revealed the phenomena of reports of unidentified flying object sightings sweeping the southern part of the U.S. Daily, dramatic and sometimes terrifying experiences are reported in most of the states in the nation. This is a continuing account of exclusive information about these astonishing reports.

An Alabama police chief photographed an apparent creature from outer space and underwent almost unbearable harassment as a result.

Chief Jeff Greenhaw, 34, told TATTLER he was subjected to "harassment and ridicule" from many people during the 11 days since he took the Polaroid photo of a glistening creature.

"But the worst thing," he said, "is that my wife of three and a half years divorced me."

Morgan Circuit Court in Decatur, Ala., granted the divorce. Chief Greenhaw said the divorce was finalized because of his involvement with the unidentified flying object controversy.

Greenhaw is among many thousands, perhaps millions, of Americans who during the past few weeks have seen UFOs. Indeed, some of them have undergone terrifying experiences.

IN JACKSON COUNTY, Miss., two fishermen started out a story of being whisked up into a saucer-like object and physically examined by robot-like creatures from another world.

Scientists, interviewing the men under hypnosis, said they were convinced the men were telling the truth.

Indeed, the scientists concluded, the men had undergone an experience involving people not of the planet earth.

Two weeks later, one of the fishermen, Charles Hickson, 42, was given a lie detector test and passed. The polygraph expert, Scott Glasgow, said Hickson was telling the truth about what he saw.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing from an old pier on the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "light-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached them from the sky. Three beings with claw-like hands carried them aboard the spaceship, they claim.

(The story of this incident, in the words of Hickson and Parker, appears elsewhere on this page.)

By JOHN MOLLICK

THE HARASSMENT and personal problems Chief Greenhaw faces in Falkville, Ala., are typical of those inflicted upon thousands of Americans who have seen or come into contact with UFOs in recent weeks.

Chief Greenhaw came face to face with a six-foot metallic creature, after responding to a call to a remote pasture by an excited woman who told of a spaceship landing.

The silvery creature walked toward him. "The closer it got, the scareder I got," he said. "I was shaking so, I could not move."

The police chief flashed four photographs of the creature. The chief first said, "Howdy, stranger."

with true Southern hospitality but then retreated.

"I WAS SCARED stiff," the chief said.

The creature was covered with a flaked-like material. It had a short antenna atop its head covering. The face had no features.

Greenhaw said the creature moved stiffly and made no sounds. When the police chief turned on the blue revolving light on his patrol car the creature began running down the highway.

"I jumped into my car and took after him, but I couldn't even catch up with him in a patrol car," Greenhaw said. "He was running faster than any human I ever saw."

Greenhaw, a graduate of the Alabama Police Academy, echoed the comments of many by saying:

"I DIDN'T BELIEVE in men from outer space, but I do now."

Some of the more dramatic of UFO reports came from Ohio. Even Gov. John Gilligan and two Greenfield policemen were among more than a dozen people who saw the mysterious flying objects during the first two weeks of October.

Gov. Gilligan, while driving south on Oct. 15 from Ann Arbor, Mich., on U.S. 23, saw a "vertical beam of light that was amber in color which followed me for about 30 minutes."

Gilligan told TATTLER he believed it was a UFO.

GREENFIELD POLICEMEN (from left) Mike Conklin, Roger Poole and Sgt. Hugh Dyer discuss their sighting of UFO.

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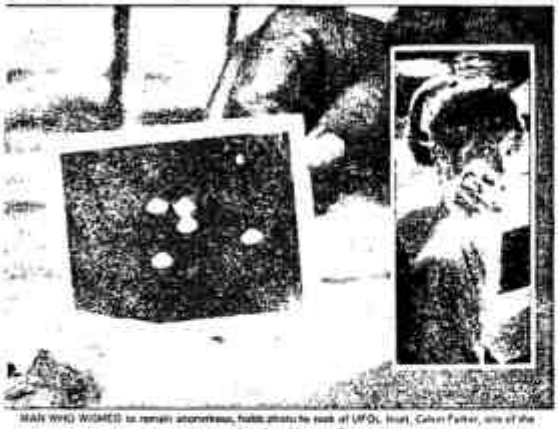
Probe Into Rash of UFO Sightings Forced Aboard Outer Space Craft

To Investigate Latest Reports Despite Given by Police and Scientific Experts



MAN WHO WOMED no remain anonymous, holds photo he took of UFOs. Inset, Calvin Parker, one of the men taken aboard space craft.

John Lane, a cab driver, reported an incident that occurred near Gulfport, 20 miles west of Pascagoula.

Lane said he saw a mysterious object hovering above him, just before his car radio went dead and its engine stopped.

He said he tried to hide by lying low in the front seat, heard a tapping on his car window, looked up and saw a creature with crab-like claws and flesh-colored skin. He said he, being didn't attempt to harm him, but appeared to be trying to get his attention. Lane said he remained motionless and the creature left.

NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS of UFOs were reported by policemen in the Gulf Coast area. One sheriff's deputy said he was driving his patrol car, flashed on his blinking red light, and a UFO landed on top of the vehicle. He said he turned the light off and the UFO floated away in the night.

As the UFO sighting reports came in throughout the south, a Greenville, Ms., truckdriver was blinded after observing a UFO overtaking his tractor-trailer rig Oct. 5.

Eddie D. Webb, 45, has begun to recover his sight but is still able to see objects only in a limited field of vision.

His has slightly melted and twisted, pit-marked eyeglasses as evidence of his encounter with a cone-shaped UFO with flashing red-and-yellow lights as he drove north of Cape Girardeau in southeastern Missouri just before 1am.

Webb described a bright flash like "a ball of fire." His wife was riding with him at the time.

"WHEN I SAW the lights," Webb told a TATTLER reporter, "I told my wife that something was coming up behind our real fast. But when she looked out her mirror she said she didn't see anything at all."

He said he looked out his rear-view mirror and saw them again. "The bottom and top sections (of the object) were spinning and looked like they were made from aluminum or chrome," he said. "The center section had the lights on it and wasn't spinning, but the lights were glittering and the red and yellow seemed to mix together."

Webb said the object appeared to be about 30 feet in diameter. As it appeared to be about to collide with the rear end of his truck, Webb said, he stuck his head out the window and looked back toward the object.

He said the craft started to rise higher, made a deafening humming noise, and "a bright white flash, like a ball of fire, hit me in the face."

MRS. WEBB said when her husband pulled his head back into the truck, his hands covered his face and he was screaming. "Oh, my God! I'm burned! I can't see!"

His forehead was red and hot as if blistered. One lens had fallen from his glasses and the frames were melted.

Mrs. Webb took over, drove her husband to a hospital. An ophthalmologist treated his eyes, but found no permanent damage.

Webb was referred to a St. Louis doctor, who hospitalized him and began tests to determine if his loss of vision was caused by a psychic shock.

Sgt. Edwin E. Wright of the Missouri Highway Patrol said he was baffled. He turned the glasses over to Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of Southeast Missouri State University psychics department, for an analysis.

DR. RUTLEDGE is also director of Project Identification, a scientific investigation of mysterious nocturnal lights and UFOs. He has conducted a on-the-field investigation of UFO phenomena since mysterious lights were reported at Piedmont, Mo., in April.

Dr. C.E. Winslow, the St. Louis ophthalmologist, said he is checking if Henry Webb may have been "scarred into blindness."

A few weeks before this incident, city officials in Natundga, Ala., watched two UFOs hovering over the town.

"We watched them through binoculars," City Councilman W.F. Delbridge told a TATTLER reporter. "And what we saw definitely was not an airplane ... nor was it some kind of gas.

"They were solid objects, round and multi-colored and bright."

The two watched the objects for more than 30 minutes.

DURING THE SAME early morning hours, similar reports of UFOs came in from listeners in five southeast Alabama towns.

Councilman Delbridge said the UFOs were round and beige. "I couldn't guess how far away they were ... but it was a good way," he said.

Dr. J.A. Hynek

Similar reports came from police in Auburn, Carrville and Tuskegee.

Notasulga Police Sgt. Mid Giles said he saw an object much closer.

"It was as big as a water tank, had various colored lights on it, and was hovering about 300 yards or so away above some trees," he told TATTLER. "Then it took off heading south at a rapid rate of speed."

TWO DAYS LATER, on Sept. 13, Officer Cary Clayton, 31, of Carrville, Ala., said he and his wife, Pam, 30, were driving home and saw a large object about 300 yards away.

"It made a strange ringing noise," he said. "Like bells jingling softly."

They watched it for several minutes, then it disappeared.

Even Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter reported seeing a UFO.

As TATTLER goes to press, scores of other incidents are being reported.

A TATTLER investigator in Ohio reported a woman's auto being forced off a road by a UFO near Greenfield.

Police Sgt. Hugh Oyer reported chasing a UFO 100 feet in diameter, with a white light and red aerial. The machine, he said, emitted a dull, humming sound.

HE SAID HE spotted the UFO hovering over a house.

A farmer reported a UFO landing in his field near Columbus.

Throughout the nation, the UFO sightings are being reported.

On Oct. 18, more than a month after the new wave of UFO reports began flowing in, a policeman sighted a UFO at Point Reyes, a seashore navigation point north of San Francisco.

Minutes earlier, a sheriff's substation reported similar sightings near Marin City, 20 miles west of Point Reyes.

NOTASULGA POLICE Sgt. Mid Giles points out area where he spotted flying saucers to Police Chief Milburn Durham and City Councilman W.F. Delbridge.

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TATTLER Launches After 2 Men Were

A SPECIAL REPORT BY JOHN MOULDER

Government Refuses Documented Evidence

Not since the mid-1950s have the skies over America been so filled with unexplained happenings as in the past few weeks.

Because of the current rash of UFO sightings across the nation, TATTLER has intensified its coverage in this area to provide our readers with the latest and most informative details on all confirmed incidents involving these mysterious craft.

This is the first in a continuing series of articles.

The U.S. government is being pressured as never before to find out where an unprecedented wave of unidentified flying objects are coming from and what they want.

The move comes in the wake of hundreds of recent UFO incidents, including a terrifying experience claimed by two Mississippi fishermen. In a state of near shock, the two blurted out a story of being taken aboard a spacecraft and given a physical examination.

Believing they were telling the truth, Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond asked the Air Force to resume its study of Project Blue Book, an abandoned operation to explore the UFO phenomena.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department of Northwestern University near Chicago, wants the government to create a permanent agency to study UFO reports that can't be logically explained. He's a former consultant to the Air Force's abandoned UFO inquiry.

Dr. Hynek and Dr. John Harder, professor of engineering and hypnotist at Berkeley, interviewed the two Mississippi fishermen under hypnosis.

DR. HARDER told TATTLER there was "no reasonable doubt the craft came from outer space – it was extraterrestrial."

Dr. Harder believes the Mississippi incident is the second authentic earth contact a UFO has ever made in the United States.

Sightings of shiny crafts, hovering busy lights of different colors, have been reported by hundreds of people in more than a dozen states since early September.

Some observers noted a pattern. The UFOs were reported in states up and down the Mississippi River Valley. At the Gulf Coast in early October, the UFOs appeared to be moving west, as if studying the coastline.

MOST TERRIFYING of the incidents reported occurred at Pascagoula, Miss., at 8 p.m. on the night of Oct. 11.

Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing from a pier on the east bank of the Pascagoula River.

They said an egg-shaped craft, surrounded by a bluish haze, hovered a few feet above them.

They said three creatures abducted them. They described the creatures as about 5 feet tall, having greyish, wrinkled skin, two eyes and an opening beneath, pointed ears and hands that looked like crab claws.

"They jumped at us and sort of floated us to the spaceship," said Hickson.

Hickson, a shipyard foreman, said Parker collapsed and fainted when the creatures appeared from an opening in the bottom of the craft.

PARKER TOLD Sheriff Diamond he was vaguely aware of being examined but said he lapsed into unconsciousness.

"I AM DUMBFOUNDED; I cannot explain," Hickson said. "But I know I was scared to death."

After about 40 minutes, the two were floated back down to the pier.

The two first went to a telephone booth and called nearby Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi. The Air Force shunned the report. The two men then went to the sheriff's office and told their story to Capt. Glenn Ryder.

Sheriff Diamond and his deputies questioned the two men through the night. At one point they left them alone in a room with a tape recorder.

DIAMOND TOLD A TATTLER reporter that Parker left the interview and began praying.

"God, help me, don't let me die," he wailed. "Protect me. I won't tell anything."

Hickson, almost hysterical, called out: "Why did this have to happen to me? I stand it through the war ... I've never been so scared."

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Barney Mathis told TATTLER: "If they're not telling the truth, they should be in Hollywood, because they're the best actors I've ever seen."

During the questioning, Parker went into apparent shock twice.

Both men were examined by doctors at Keesler AFB, but were found to be free of radioactivity.

TRUCK DRIVER Eddie Webb still wears dark glasses after being partially blinded by lights from UFO.

OTHERS IN PASCAGOULA, including a clergyman, reported seeing a mysterious blue object hovering over the Pascagoula River that night in the vicinity where Hickson and Parker were fishing.

Dr. Hynek and Dr. Harder were summoned to interview Hickson and Parker under hypnosis the next day.

After the interview, Dr. Harder told TATTLER the descriptions given by Hickson and Parker were not that of space "creatures", but more as robots.

Dr. Harder said he believed the fishermen's stories because of "the absolute stark terror" of the men.

The scientist said the two men were placed under hypnosis in case it was a "one-on-one intimidation."

"IF THEY HAD been a team," Dr. Harder said, "they could have told the same story under hypnosis, but we would have lost the terror factor. There is no way they could have faked their terror."

Under hypnosis, soon after Hickson told about the experience, Dr. Harder said, his fear became so great they had to stop questioning.

The scientist said the two could have become invisible due to fear or "some voices of force God held them invisible, until the robots could land over and pick them up."

Dr. Harder said he believed the space "visitors" were "cosmic anthropologists."

His theory is the earth is a "curious zoo, shut off from the rest of the universe and every so often the keepers make a random sample check of the inhabitants."

Under hypnosis, Dr. Harder said, the men described the instrument used to examine them in the spacecraft as "a big arm, somewhere between the size of a large softball and basketball."

DURING THE NEXT few days, other incidents happened as the UFOs apparently moved northwardly. Four days later, at 11 p.m.,

Lie Detector Test Confirms Worker's Story About UFO

PASCAGOULA, Miss (UPI) — A lie detector test indicated Tuesday that a shipyard worker was telling the truth about being taken aboard a UFO by three crab-clawed creatures from outer space.

Charles Hickson, 42, was given the test by Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans, and repeated the harrowing tale he and a co-worker told authorities earlier this month.

"It is my opinion that he told the truth when he stated that he believes he saw a spaceship, that he was taken into the spaceship, and that he saw three creatures," Glasgow said.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 18, have maintained under intense questioning that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the night sky.

They said three crab-clawed creatures with wrinkly skin and pointed ears emerged from the craft and took them inside, where they were examined by an instrument that looked like a giant eye.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said the two men were "scared to death and shaking all over" when they reported the experience to officers. And Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men.

The polygraph tests were administered to Hickson in cooperation with Diamond's department at the request of an attorney for Hickson and Parker. The younger man did not take the test.

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30 years later, 2 men stand by their UFO story

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Hickson, Parker: robot creatures are friendly

Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker

EDITOR'S NOTE: A week ago Charles C. Hickson, 45, and Calvin R. Parker Jr., 18, local shipyard workers, told authorities three space creatures took them aboard a saucer-like space craft. On Thursday the two men gave the Mississippi Press the first extensive interview since the Pascagoula River incident. In Hickson's living room in Gautier, the men gave their story to Mississippi Press editor Gary Hollond. Here is their account, given primarily by Hickson with Parker contributing to the account.

By CHARLES HICKSON
and CALVIN PARKER
As told to the Mississippi Press

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I have always said there should be some life elsewhere. Now I am a firm believer.

Our lives will never be the same but I felt we owed it to the people to tell what we saw. I don't believe I could live with it by myself. I believe we have done what is right.

The question I keep asking myself is, "Why a [illegible]

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BELIEVE IN UFOs

The astounding close encounters that have convinced millions

CLOSE SPECIAL by BOB BORINO

ALIEN VISITORS: "There were four in all . . . I stared and stared at the figures. But the same"

3 weird creatures appeared and then they floated to the ground

SPACE ALIENS made a telling impression when they paid a visit to Chestnut Flat Ridge in rural Kentucky — and changed the route of a mere face and hands.

Cully Gunn was watching TV with his wife and son, Artie, on March 11, 1980, when the unknown began exasperate events.

"I looked out the back door and saw this bright orange light in a pine thicket on the back mountain," he says, stating it was a light bright from a car that had driven into a ditch, but had gone on, and it was not the car and driver's headlights.

Suddenly, I felt that weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it," he recalls. "I managed to get the car keys and went . . ."

Elizabeth Artie's wife, himself with a gun and went to find the trouble.

"As soon as I got to the pine patch, I saw nothing on the ground," he says. "It looked like two glowing balls of orange fire. I fired — and they disappeared."

He backed back to the house, got his gun and went to the front of his car and saw it.

"He was taking about what we'd seen and making calls to the police. I got the orange light in my rear-view mirror. He's gone, Chris again to see the car. I could see something . . . [illegible]

DAVID CROCKETT still cringes in terror when he recalls the night he was kidnapped by space aliens.

He nightmare began On . . . 1978, when he and his companions took off in a small Aero Commander from Presque Isle, Maine, to Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Crockett, a pharmacist from Australia, saw clearly what the aviation experts refused to see — that a UFO had been spotted in the area shortly after take off . . . [illegible] . . . [illegible] . . . [illegible]

Two Men Said Taken On UFO; Radar Jammed

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A Marion County civil defense official reported an unidentified flying object zoomed on his radar Sunday night shortly after two scientists said they were still convinced two men were taken aboard a UFO along the Gulf Coast near Pascagoula.

Drs. James Harder of the University of California and Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, said they were convinced Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker encountered a non-terrestrial craft last week.

A short time later, James Thornhill of Columbia said he picked up an object on his radar set.

"I observed what I thought to be an aircraft," Thornhill told officials. "It got rather close to the station, about three miles, then it became stationary and all of a sudden my radar just completely jammed.

"I've never seen anything quite like this except perhaps during World War II."

Thornhill said the radar unit developed streaks when the UFO returned later. Area residents, he said, reported seeing a craft with bright blue lights Sunday night.

Thornhill's report was the latest in a series of UFO sightings that reached its most intense period Thursday night.

Hickson and Parker went to authorities saying they were taken aboard a UFO. The two were interviewed by Harder and Hynek Saturday and Sunday, being placed under hypnosis for part of the sessions.

"These are not imbalanced people," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial (of this earth)."

Hickson and Parker said they were fishing when a bright craft hovered near them and they were taken inside without force by red-skinned occupants.

The pair said the craft's occupants had wrinkled skin, pointed ears, eye slits, sharp noses and holes below their noses.

"Where they came from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they are here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Jackson County officials expressed belief in the incident. "They are sincere," said Sheriff Fred Diamond.

Sightings of another or the same craft were reported to authorities Thursday night by three other persons, Diamond said.

Numerous sightings have been reported in about a week across Mississippi, spreading southward from the Mississippi-Tennessee border. Earlier sightings had craft with combinations of red, green, blue and white colors. Recent sightings contained descriptions of craft in solid yellow or solid blue hues.

National Weather Service officials said no studies were being conducted of the sightings although earlier UFOs were explained as reflections of Mars and Jupiter bouncing through the atmosphere at odd angles.

2 Fishermen Quizzed After 'Visit To UFO'

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PASCAGOULA, Miss., Oct. 12 — (UPI) — Two shipyard workers who claimed they were hauled aboard a UFO and examined by silvery skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears were checked at a military hospital Friday and found to be clear of radiation.

Doctors at nearby Keesler Air Force Base examined Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, as a precautionary measure after they came forth with their weird tale.

Officials said the men — both employed at Walter Shipyards where Hickson is a welder — would make no further public statements concerning their story until they talked further with federal authorities.

Jackson County Civil Defense Director Barney Mathis said the men told him they were fishing from an old pier on the west bank of Pascagoula River about 7 p.m. Thursday when they noticed a strange aircraft about two miles away emitting a whistle here.

They said it moved closer and then appeared to hover about three or four feet above the water then "three odd-looking creatures came out, either floating or walking, and carried us into the ship," officers quoted Hickson as saying.

"The things had big eyes. They kept us about 30 minutes, photographed us and then took us back to the pier.

"The only sound they made was a buzzing humming sound. They left in a flash."

"These are reliable people," Sheriff Fred Diamond said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

The craft and the "spacemen" was described as fish-shaped, about 30 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-gray skin, no hair, long pointed ears and holes where an opening for a mouth and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled," he said.

The sheriff's office said it received several other calls during the night from residents of the area about sighting a strange "blue light" in the sky. Numerous UFO sightings also have been reported in many parts of the state during the past couple of weeks.

Capt. Glen Ryder of the sheriff's department, who questioned both men Thursday night, said he first thought "they were pulling my leg.

"We did everything we know to break their stories," Ryder said. "But half stories on if they were trying to tell they should be in Hollywood."

Mathis said Hickson appeared to be a "reasonable man" and was not a heavy drinker, according to his wife and employer. Authorities said both men said they were not drinking when the incident occurred, but admitted "they went to have a drink or two" after it was over.

"They had to have something to settle their nerves," said Mathis.

Officers said Parker expected he passed out when the three creatures emerged from the craft. He said he didn't regain consciousness until he'd been released back on the pier.

Deputies took statements from both men and then left them together in a room with a hidden tape recorder in an effort to check out the story. Mathis said there was nothing on the tape to indicate a hoax.

Hickson said that while he and Parker were inside the saucer-like craft, he was placed on some kind of table and examined from head to foot by what he described as something like an electronic eye.

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Aliens dragged us into UFO, say terrified fishermen

SCIENTISTS confirmed yesterday that two men who claimed to have been dragged into an unidentified flying object had suffered "a very terrifying experience".

Shipyard welders Charles Hickson, aged 45, and 19-year-old Calvin Parker were fishing on the Pascagoula River, Mississippi, when the craft landed, they said.

The men, both employed welders, described the UFO as a strange object surrounded by a blue haze.

They said three creatures with grey-like hands and wrinkled skin dragged them into the craft and then released them.

Hickson explained that the "aliens" were underslung in colour, with big eyes, pointed ears, pointed noses and no hair.

He said both he and Parker became weightless when touched by the creatures.

After telling their story, Hickson and Parker were questioned under hypnosis by scientists.

Dr Allen Hynek, chairman of the North Western University's astronomy department, said later: "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a terrifying experience.

"Their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

Sheriff Fred Diamond of Pascagoula said that 12 other local people had also reported seeing the UFO.

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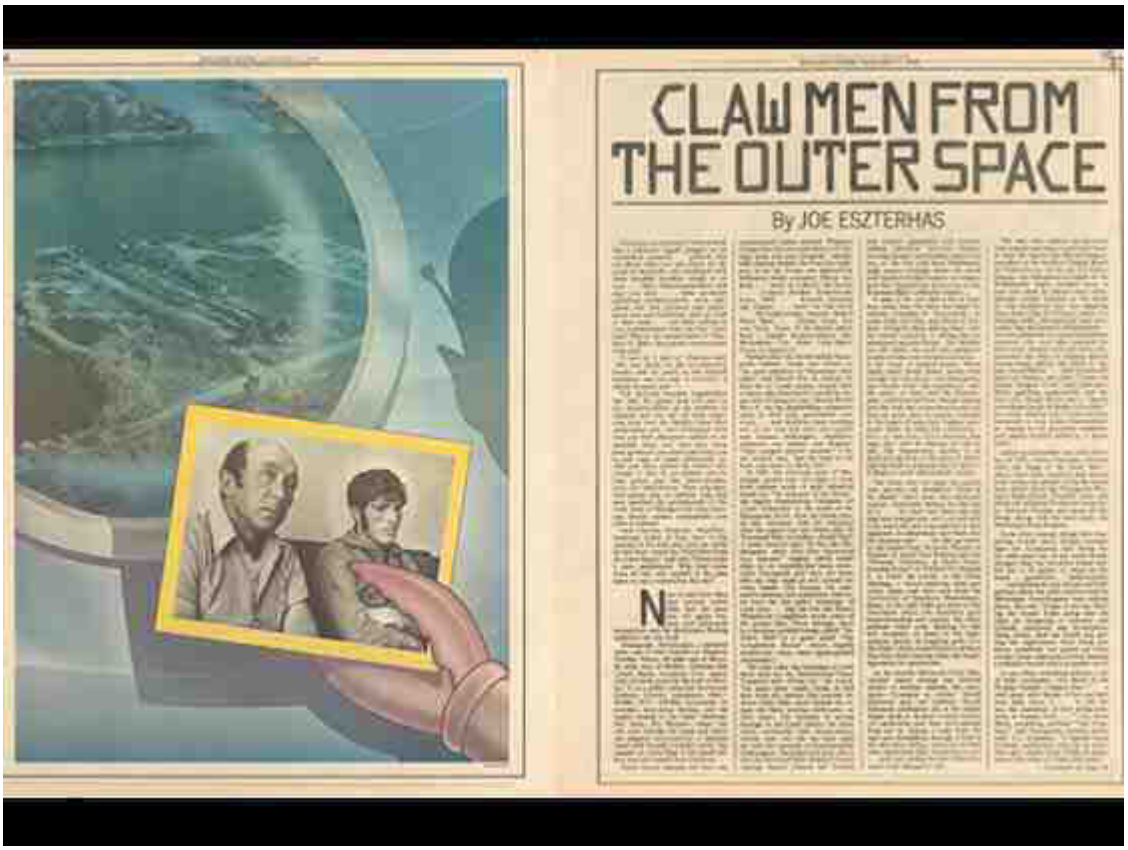

CLAW MEN FROM THE OUTER SPACE

By JOE ESZTERHAS

UFO:

Stardust and Moonshine

Mars was only 40 million miles from earth last week, but the vibrations were pro-galactic—from Pascagoula, Miss., to Moscow, Russia, the sky seemed to be swarming with Unidentified Flying Saucerings. Just outside Ann Arbor, Mich., Ohio's Governor John Lodge, a goody sort who was driving home with his wife Kate, saw what looked like a magnificent flying machine made of amber light, and at Florida's Gorky University, which is a hotbed of saucerism, scientists picked out some strange, pulsing signals in the stratosphere. "It is not precluded," Tass reported, "that they may be sent by a technically developed, extraterrestrial civilization."

The rash of UFO sightings erupted two weeks ago in Mississippi, when two shipyard workers named Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, set out for a little night earfishing on the Pascagoula River. They took their rods to a rusty old pier near a quiet outside town and pulled out their tackle. By the time dusk had fallen, they had two bullhead catfish in the creel and nothing but a good old evening in sight.

Then a strange blue light started floating across the water toward them. "I don't know why I didn't jump right into the river," Parker shuddered later. Well he might have, for the light, according to Parker, materialized into a spaceship shaped like a giant stogie. A door appeared in its side and three wrinkled, creatures with pointy ears, mouths without lips, and crab-claw hands bobbed out.

Parker fainted, but Hickson said that he managed to keep his head. One of the weird floaters touched him, he recalled, and he immediately became weightless. Then the eerie party floated the two men through the air and over to the spaceship. Hickson told lawmen later that he fluttered and cried and that one of the creatures made soft burring noises as if to reassure him, while a glass eye as big as a pizza plate fixed in the cabin wall spanned him from front to toe. The examination over, Hickson and Parker were gently set down again on the pier. Then other-worldly Calvin floated back to the glowing ship, which whirred off into the night. "My God," cried Hickson later, "I still don't believe it. I've got to have a drink."

Neither did most other folks, and some suspected there might well have been as much moonshine as stardust in the story. But there were a few believers. "It was the an aborigene who saw his first 747," observed Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and UFO buff from Northwestern University who investigated the

UFO flyers: Parker and the Pascagoula thingie in Mississippi, strange pulsing lights and woodland imps in Ohio

community at Orchard Hill, Ga., a retired cotton-mill worker named Ross Clinton reported that something he described as a "golden egg" had dropped precipitously out of the sky. "I think it was tremendous," Clinton hazarded. "It's the Lord's warning to us."

Most of the sightings turned out to be weather balloons or other equally prosaic phenomena. In Longview, Texas, a band of deputy sheriffs rushed out to check a flood of reports that the local airport was being buzzed by a squadron of UFO's. They found instead a gaggle of snow geese that had mistaken the runway for a watery landing zone. Some of the sightings turned out to be overnight hoaxes. Near Dayton, Ohio, two eighth schoolboys wrapped themselves in aluminum foil and hung drooping antennae. Until goose finally rabbited them, they were gleefully making the socks off motorists driving through woods at the outskirts of the city.

The problem was to distinguish the fake from the octoplasmic. In Gulfport, Miss., as cops arrived hip deep in the coast from Pascagoula, a cabbie named John Lane said he had been driving down Highway 90 when a blue light zipped down and landed in front of his cab. His engine stalled and his radio died. Lane said he nearly did the same himself. "I ducked down in the seat," he grimaced later. "Then I heard a tapping sound on the windshield and looked up. I saw a horrible, drab-colored creature with bright eyes and a crab-like claw tapping on my window."

For a while, that story made the Hickson-Parker yarn look pretty substantial. But then Lane confessed that a fellow cabbie had merely caught him napping — and the first explanation that popped into his head was old pointy-ears, crab claws and all. As an alibi, it beat staying up with a sick friend.

World Exclusive First-Person Account to The National Tattler

'... We Were Held

EDITOR'S NOTE: The National Tattler recently revealed the phenomenon of reports of sightings of flying objects occurring for centuries past in the U.S. itself, scientific and sometimes horrifying explanations reported in most of the stories to follow. This is a continuing account of exclusive information about these astonishing reports.

By JOHN SULLIVAN

As Mahoney pulled their motorcycles to separate positions from which they could observe the car, Barker and Parker, 19, were startled to see a bright, glowing object descending from the sky. It appeared to be coming directly toward them.

Barker, who was driving, stopped the car and he and Parker jumped out to get a better look at the object.

Suddenly, it was directly overhead. Barker and Parker felt a strong force pulling them toward the object. They were powerless to resist.

Barker and Parker were then taken aboard the craft, where they were subjected to a series of tests by beings they described as "humanoid."

Barker and Parker were then released and returned to their car. They drove off, but were soon stopped by Mahoney, who had been waiting for them.

Mahoney told the police that Barker and Parker had been drinking heavily and that they were lying about the UFO story.

Barker and Parker were then arrested and charged with drunken driving.

Barker and Parker were released on bail and returned to their homes.

Barker and Parker have since refused to discuss the incident with anyone.

BARKER (L.) AND PARKER (R.) show their experience

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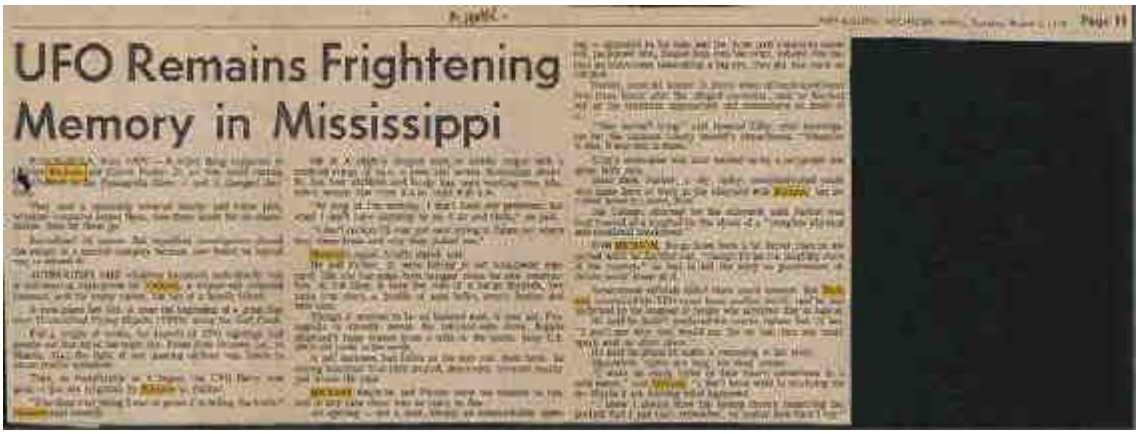
UFO Remains Frightening Memory in Mississippi



Visit from small planet changes lives of two men

By DOUGLAS K. SEASE

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Charlie Hickson has been doing a lot of thinking since that October night in 1973 when he told authorities a bizarre tale of being taken aboard a spacecraft to three "things" and examined for up to an hour.

"I've thought about it a lot," the 45-year-old shipyard worker said in an interview in his modest apartment. "To the day I die I'll believe the same thing. Those things were not from the earth.

"I believe they were robots," he said. "I'm convinced to my satisfaction that they were robots controlled by a mother ship somewhere. They acted like they had a job to do and they just did it. They didn't make any attempts to communicate and I didn't notice they were breathing.

"I'm no expert on space and I don't know about the galaxies and solar systems," Hickson admitted, "but I've had an opportunity to look through some big telescopes since it happened and I believe there's life out there and it's closer by than we think it is."

Hickson and his young friend Calvin Parker, then 19, finished their workday at Walker Shipyards early in the afternoon of Oct. 11, 1973. They were fishing in the Pascagoula River from an old pier in the abandoned Schaupeter Shipyard about dark when Hickson said he heard a sound "like air or steam escaping from a pressure line."

Hickson said he looked up and saw an oblong metallic device some 30 feet in length hovering just off the ground about 40 feet away, two blue lights flashing in the gathering dusk.

A door opened from midway along the length of the craft and three things, vaguely resembling human forms, drifted out and toward him and Parker, Hickson recalled. The things picked up the two frightened shipyard workers and took them inside the device where an eye-like mechanism carefully scanned them for between 30 minutes and an hour. The same three creatures then delivered them unharmed back on the ground near the Schaupeter Shipyard water tower.

Hickson and Parker were subjected to a barrage of questions from authorities, scientists and reporters in the weeks after their experience. They stuck to their story. Even in a jail cell containing a concealed tape recorder, the two men marveled over their experience. Lie detector operators who tested them agreed that something strange indeed had occurred in Schaupeter Shipyard.

After the initial frenzy surrounding them had died down, Hickson said he continued to receive letters from all over the world from people who said they had undergone similar experiences.

"Some of them were too unbelievable," Hickson said. "They just didn't make sense.

"I spoke with Jean Dixon (a reputed Washington, D.C. psychic) about this, and she fully believed me," Hickson said. "She said they came from a planet that's just beyond Jupiter, one our astronomers think is there but they haven't seen it since Jupiter is always between it and the earth."

Though Calvin Parker now leads a somewhat reclusive life in his hometown of Laurel, Miss., the changes the experience wrought in Hickson's life are less profound than one might imagine.

He's still working as a welder to support his wife and the four of his five children who are still at home. The family lives in a small apartment furnished with a vinyl couch and dimestore prints of a matador and a Spanish woman.

But Hickson said his intellectual horizons have been broadened since the experience.

"I lived in my own little world then," he said. "I didn't think about things like this. The experience has helped to educate me to a lot of things.

"I was reared as a hardshell Baptist and done quite a bit of studying of the Bible. Maybe some other hardshell Baptists would say I shouldn't be talking like this, but I still believe in God or a master mind with a master plan.

"But why would a master mind with a master plan, who can create a universe so large we can't know where it ends, put us here and nobody else on all the billions and billions of galaxies and trillions and trillions of planets?"

"When the Bible was wrote maybe he saw no reason to worry us with all that other," Hickson theorized, "but maybe now he thinks it's time and they're the messengers. I don't know."

Hickson has not gotten rich from his experience despite several lucrative offers from television and film companies.

"They wanted to fantasize it, put things in it that didn't happen," he said of his decision to reject the offers.

ALL ABOARD!

first-person accounts of three people who claim to have been kidnaped by extraterrestrials and taken aboard a spacecraft

CHARLES HICKSON

It was October 11, 1973. Calvin Parker and I had gotten off from work at 4:30, and by the time I had dinner and got my fishing tackle together, I guess we must have got on the Pascagoula River a little after five o'clock. It had become dusk by then and we were sitting on a small pier on the bank, fishing out from the river, when this noise—a hissing or zipping-like sound—attracted my attention. It was just like air or maybe steam escaping from a pipe. Anyway, I turned around, and as I turned, I saw these two blue lights. When I saw them, well, the sound seemed to go away. They were real close together and they was either flashing or pulsating not over 30 to 40 yards behind us. About as big as a car headlight and real bright.

You could make out real good it was some kind of a craft, you know, and at that point, well, it really startled me. I still can't be sure how big it was, because of the angle I was looking at it from; I couldn't see all the way around it. But it appeared to be 20 or 30 feet long, maybe eight or ten feet high.

Then in front of where the lights were, there was portholes or windows. Two was all I seen, but it could have been more. And after, when the noise stopped, these two lights went out. At that point, I suppose, it was a foot and a half or two off the ground. Anyway, when I was beginning to get a little scared, it seemed like an opening just appeared in the craft; it didn't open like a door. I could get the best view of the craft then, because the light—between a white and a yellow one—was glowing from the inside.

And I could really tell then that the craft wasn't on the ground. It was perfectly still, but then these three things appeared in that doorway. They were standing erect and just seemed to glide out the door right toward us. You could tell they had legs, you know, but their legs never moved apart and their arms were down at their sides. Some of these things I can't be positive about, because to be frank, I was quite frightened at that time. And Calvin was almost scared to death. But when they came out, it just seemed like all of a sudden they were on us. Two of them came for me, one for Calvin. One of them took hold of one of my arms and one took hold of the other, and at that point I felt pain instantly, a sharp sting, you might say.

I got a pretty good look at them. I would say they were about five or five-four, and they didn't have a head that resembled a human head. It seemed to come directly down to the shoulders, with not a neck. And they were very wrinkled, with deep lines running horizontal across their arms, their face—all over. I'm not sure at all it was skin, but it reminded me of elephant skin, grayish and rough-like. I can't recall exactly what they looked like, because they were very wrinkled, but they did have something where a nose would be on a face and it came out to a point. One of these beings made some kind of a noise, like a little buzzing sound, but the other I didn't hear at all. Their hands were similar to claws or mittens.

I might add at this time that I thought about it a heck of a lot since then and—of course, I have no way of being sure—I believe now they were robots. I didn't see the legs or neck move, and when they turned, they seemed to move mechanically. I believe from the bottom of my heart that the one that was making the buzzing sound was being controlled from another ship. It appeared that they were more or less programmed to do something and they just simply done it.

Anyway, I just seemed to move up off the ground to about the height that they were and I realized that Calvin, at that time, he just went limp. Then we seemed to glide back toward the ship, and when we started through the doorway, the light was almost blinding. We don't know for sure whether Calvin was taken in or not and I don't recall seeing him carried aboard. He'd passed out.

Inside the room it seemed to be round. I didn't see any light fixtures—the light just seemed to glow from the walls. When they stopped—we seemed to be just suspended there, you know—this thing seemed to come out from the wall. It

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Men say they were taken aboard spaceship

PASCAGOULA, MISS. (UPI): Two shipyard workers say they were taken aboard a glowing blue spacecraft by buzzing creatures with silvery, wrinkled skin. Sheriff Fred Diamond is sure "something did happen to them."

"These are reliable men," Diamond said. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

"I was scared and I'm still scared and shook up over it," said one of the men, Charles Hickson, 42.

WHATEVER HAPPENED took place around 7 p.m. Thursday night while Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing off an old pier on the west bank of the Pascagoula River near here. They said they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze, and then were taken inside the craft by the three creatures.

Both men were questioned at length by the Jackson County sheriff's office but were reluctant to talk to newsmen. However, they consented to a brief, filmed interview with a Biloxi television station (WLOX-TV).

"All of a sudden we heard something like a buzzing sound," said Hickson, "and I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

He said it appeared to be "hovering" a few feet over the ground and "one end just opened . . . and I saw three things coming out. They seemed to be floating across the water a couple of feet high."

"Before I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted off the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

He said he was carried to the "vehicle" where he was examined by "some kind of instrument . . . it reminded me of a big eye which covered my entire body."

He said he was not harmed and didn't have any sensation whatsoever. I was just helpless."

Parker, who also works at a local shipyard, said he was taken to the craft too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared and could not remember what happened afterwards.

BOTH MEN admitted to authorities they took "a stiff drink" after they were released but said they had not been drinking before. Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said they definitely were not intoxicated.

Diamond said the "space craft" was described as fish-shaped, about 10 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale silvery-grey skin with no hair, long pointed ears and noses, with an opening for a mouth, big eyes, and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled and the only sound they made was a "buzzing-humming sound."

Neither man suffered any apparent injuries but they were taken to a military hospital at nearby Keesler Air Force Base, to be checked for possible radiation exposure as a precaution. Keesler officials said an examination by Air Force physicians found no evidence of radiation.

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Miss. Men Claim Visit in UFO; Maybe Chicken Little Was Right

Two Mississippi men say they were taken aboard an alien spacecraft near Pascagoula late Thursday night, examined by three strange beings and released.

Charles Hickson, 45, a shipyard foreman, and 18-year-old Calvin Parker told authorities they were fishing on the Pascagoula River when the beings emerged from a hovering bluish glow and drew them inside.

The beings were each described as pale but reddish, about five feet tall, with a mouth-like opening under two large eyes.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said he and authorities at Keesler Air Force Base were "convinced" that "something did happen."

In another incident revealed Friday, several Orleans Parish criminal deputies said they sighted an unidentified flying object near Slidell, recorded its sounds and photographed it.

Residents of the mid-South have reported numerous such sightings over the past week.

I'm Being Watched By Creatures From Outer Space

Charles Hickson says he's being watched by creatures in a UFO. The creatures are the same ones, he believes, that abducted him while he was fishing from a pier in Mississippi in 1973.

"I have the feeling they know where I am and what I'm doing at all times," the 45-year-old shipbuilder told MIDNIGHT STORY.

By JOYCE WILSON

SHIPBUILDER CHARLES HICKSON with college student Marnie Fariola about the time he was kidnapped by creatures from a UFO.

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Tidbits

Seized by spacecraft:

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Two claim they were on a UFO

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Two men who claim they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures with crab-like hands and pointed ears definitely underwent a "terrifying experience," according to two scientists who questioned the men under hypnosis.

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek will be honored by the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association Oct. 27. **See story on page 28.**

THE TWO Mississippi men told the Jackson County Sheriff's Department they were fishing off an old pier on the Pasagoula River Thursday night when they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze.

The men, reportedly "scared to death and shaking all over," told officers they were taken inside the craft by three creatures with big eyes, crab-like hands, wrinkled skin and pointed ears.

HARDER SAID the men's experience as reflected during hypnosis was "traumatic," adding "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

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HARDER SAID the phenomenon has happened all over the world and seems to follow a definite pattern. "A UFO tale is an incredible tale told by credible persons," Harder said.

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ENLEVÉ PAR LES EXTRATERRESTRES

Ce jeune américain vient de raconter à la télévision son extraordinaire face à face avec les visiteurs de l'espace...

LE 17 OCTOBRE DERNIER C. PARKER REVIENT DANS LE PASCAGOULA (MISSISSIPPI) AVEC DES MARQUES SUR LE DOS. IL AFFIRME AVOIR ÉTÉ ENLEVÉ PAR DES EXTRATERRESTRES. CEUX-CI L'AURAIENT EMMENÉ À BORD D'UN ENGIN SPATIAL EN FORME DE SOUCOUPE VOLANTE ET SE LIVRERAIENT À DIVERSES EXPÉRIENCES SUR LUI. C'EST LA PREMIÈRE FOIS QU'UN TÉMOIN ACCEPTE DE PARLER.

Leurs bras se terminent par des pinces de crabes...

...Ils mesurent un mètre de haut et leur peau est rouge et fripée

« Nous avons perdu la notion du temps »

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Après l'avoir soumis au penthotal, ces deux savants affirment:

- Calvin PARKER n'est ni un fou ni un simulateur, il dit la vérité!

LE DR. HARDER ET LE DR. HYNEK SONT SÛRS QUE HICKSON ET PARKER ONT VÉCU LEUR EXTRAORDINAIRE AVENTURE

L'homme qui a vu les extraterrestres

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militaires. Le commandement de la base envoya pourtant les deux hommes chez le shérif de l'endroit, Barney Mathis.

« Ils étaient encore secoués par leur aventure, raconte aujourd'hui le shérif. Ils ne me paraissaient ni ivres, ni drogués. Une enquête rapide me permit d'apprendre que ces deux hommes étaient honorablement connus dans la région. Nous les avons soumis au détecteur de mensonge : Hickson et Parker disaient la vérité. Pourtant, nous n'arrivions pas encore à y croire. Ils se trouvaient dans un tel état que nous leur avons demandé de passer la nuit avec nous.

« DANS LEUR CHAMBRE, NOUS AVONS CACHE UN MAGNETOPHONE. PENDANT LA NUIT, HICKSON ET PARKER, INCAPABLES DE DORMIR, N'ONT PAS ARRETE DE SE PARLER. LE LENDEMAIN MATIN, NOUS N'AVIONS PLUS AUCUN DOUTE SUR L'AUTHENTICITE DE LEUR EXPERIENCE.

« Je les ai conduits à l'hôpital, car leur condition physique commençait à m'inquiéter. Là, on leur a administré une bonne dose de calmants. Pendant ce temps, les commissaires de police étaient submergés de coups de fil : depuis 24 heures, tout l'Etat du Mississipi — et la zone de Pascagoula en particulier — semblait avoir vu, dans le ciel, des objets semblables à celui décrit par les pêcheurs. »

Le shérif ne se contenta pas d'envoyer les deux hommes à l'hôpital : il informa les autorités compétentes. Quelques heures plus tard, un groupe impressionnant de savants se trouvaient sur place. Parmi eux, le Pr James Harder et le Dr Allen Hynek, président de la section « astronomie » de la Northwestern University.

Plus aucun doute

Ce dernier, après avoir passé de longues journées auprès des deux hommes, n'a plus aucun doute :

« JE N'AI SUIS SUR, DES CREATURES VENUES D'UN AUTRE MONDE ONT ATTERRI SUR NOTRE PLANETE. D'OU ELLES VIENNENT, CE QU'ELLES VEULENT, JE NE LE SAIS PAS. TOUT EST POSSIBLE. CHARLES HICKSON ET CALVIN PARKER NE SONT PAS FOUS. ILS N'ONT PAS ETE VICTIMES D'UNE HALLUCINATION. LEUR AVENTURE EST VERIDIQUE. »

Hynek est une autorité en matière de soucoupes volantes. Il fait même partie de la fameuse commission qui a reçu, pour le compte de l'armée de l'air américaine, un dossier de 12 000 cas d'apparitions d'OVNI qui ont été classés et répertoriés en quelques années.

Un traitement hypnotique

Le Pr Harder, de son côté, ne s'est pas limité à recueillir les déclarations de Hickson et Parker. Il a soumis les deux hommes à un traitement hypnotique, afin de leur faire revivre leur déconcertante aventure.

« La terreur qu'ils ont montrée, sous hypnose, dit-il, suivant après son expérience, est assez révélatrice. Certaines émotions ne peuvent être simulées lorsque l'on se trouve en état de léthargie provoquée. »

Que signifient ces « visites » devenues, depuis quelque temps, de plus en plus fréquentes, surtout aux Etats-Unis ? Personne, pour l'instant, n'a pu apporter de réponse. Mais les faits sont là et l'on songe de moins en moins, aujourd'hui, à en rire, ou même à les ignorer.

Le récit des pêcheurs de Pascagoula, que personne ne met plus en doute, a de quoi inquiéter. Car il prouve non seulement que les extraterrestres existent vraiment, mais encore, qu'ils viennent de plus en plus souvent sur terre.

John DODGE

Ricksha puller gets shaft in Calcutta streets

Hari Ali, 40s, is a lucky man for a puller if he's lucky.

There's an alternative in a small way to big newspapers

Some places UFOs aren't funny and one place is Pascagoula

MRS. HELEN K. GIPLEY, widow of the late publisher James S. Copley, Angelo, and Thomas C. Sinclair, Jr., a Vail, Colo., lawyer, Thursday were designated chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Copley Press, Inc. The Copley Press is publisher of daily and weekly newspapers in California and Illinois.

Creatures from UFO examine two fishermen in Pascagoula

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They had spacers for hands, had webbed feet and floated. They didn't speak they just "hummed".

Creatures from some space? They may just be.

The above description was given to a Mississippi sheriff by two very-well thought of residents from Pascagoula a little more than a week ago and a University of California professor who examined them under hypnosis believes they are telling the truth.

Since their amazing story, sightings of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) have poured in by the thousands from Americans across the country.

UFOs — big news for 20 years, until the Air Force officially ruled them non-existent in 1969 — have made a spectacular comeback.

And it all started in Pascagoula. Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing on a river pier when a blue-coloured saucer-shaped craft and three creatures floated from it.

According to the two fishermen they were taken aboard the craft which was bathed in white light, examined and then let go.

A spectacular snowburst for UFOs and little green men.

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EXAMINATION

Dr Mark Hunter, of the University of California engineering college, hypnotised the men and his examination convinced him that "it was no hoax."

Hunter, consultant for the private aerial phenomenon research organisation, said: "I was able to regress each of them into the experience.

"Their reaction of fear and terror was evidence to me beyond a reasonable doubt that they were undergoing an experience."

An impressive, added Hunter, that was to frightening that both men were on the verge of heart attacks.

While Parker could not give a complete account because he had lost consciousness when taken aboard the craft, said Hunter, Hickson "was so terrorised that I couldn't take him through the whole experience.

"I had to break off the hypnotic experience at a point where it became too painful to him," he said.

The men were also examined by Dr Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department who said: "These are not imbalanced people. They're not crackpots. They saw definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

Professor Hynek, who was recently in Australia, is an expert on the subject of UFOs. He personally has handled some 20,000 sightings — 12,000 while he worked for the US Air Force.

Before his Australian trip Dr Hynek told me that "the more we go into UFOs, the surer we are of extraterrestrial them."

Perhaps the one man in the continent assisted who doesn't quite know what's going on is Sheriff Jesse Hunnicut who has been overrun with sightings in the past week — "almost 2,000," a harried secretary at the sheriff's office told me this week.

Sheriff Hunnicut threatened he would seek Presidential intervention if somebody didn't do something about the strange objects that have invaded the skies over the southern States of the US.

"People down here are worried to know what is going on," said an irate Hunnicut. "People are beginning to panic."

CRABLIKE

And with good reason. The reports coming in are weird, and are getting weirder.

● John Lane, a cab driver in Gulfport, Mississippi, told police that a blue object landed in front of his cab, stalling it and causing the radio to go dead.

He said he then heard a tapping sound on the windshield and saw a flesh-coloured creature with a crablike claw.

● In Louisiana, sheriff's deputies reported chasing two orange-red lights for 12 miles through a woods on Indiana state until a night time UFO "silenced the beast," and elsewhere policemen said they had been "buzzed" by a swooping UFO on patrol.

● Governor John Gilligan, of Ohio, said he and his wife had watched a "conical-shaped saucer-coloured" flying object for 30 minutes while driving in Michigan be-

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Top UFO experts will hear man who claims robots took him aboard flying saucer

Charles Hickson has become the first pilot of an international move to prove once and for all whether the earth has been visited by creatures or objects from outer space.

Hundreds of scientists — including Scientific Navy Contractor and astronaut James Mc-Divitt have been invited to attend the three-day meeting starting October 31.

The United States government is participating for the first time in such a conference, says its chairman, Bill Pitts, a Fort Smith industrial salesman.

Hickson, 47, of Pascagoula, Miss., became famous in 1973 after reporting he was taken inside a flying saucer by three robot-like creatures.

He told the Star this week he would reveal details of the three follow-up visits by flying saucers only to the conference.

Charles Hickson...he'll talk.

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The two men, who have undergone intensive questioning about the incident, maintain they were taken aboard the craft by three crab-clawed beings with wrinkly skin and pointed ears.

The polygraph tests were administered in cooperation with the Jackson County sheriff's office at the request of an attorney for Hickson and Parker.

Parker, who did not take the test, told questioning officers earlier that he saw the craft approaching and the creatures emerge, but fainted and remembered nothing after that point.

Lie Detector Confirms Worker's UFO Story

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Charles Hickson, 42, was given the test by Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans, and repeated the harrowing tale he and a co-worker told authorities earlier this month.

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Hickson and Calvin Parker, 18, have maintained under intense questioning that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the night sky.

They said three crab-clawed creatures with wrinkly skin and pointed ears emerged from the craft and took them inside, where they were examined by an instrument that looked like a giant eye.

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A firm which specializes in evaluating psychological stress said after another interview with the two Gautier men that their story did not appear to be a hoax.

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2 Will Take Lie Dectector Tests To Back Story

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A thousand Unidentified Flying Object reports have come and gone since Desk Sgt. Mary McPherson picked up the telephone and a man said: "I got something to tell you but I don't want you to laugh at me."

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Dixmond and his deputies — among others — have been puzzling uneasily ever since over the tale told by Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, both of nearby Gautier.

What Hickson said, defiantly, expecting to be called a liar, was: An oblong, luminous blue UFO landed nearby while they were fishing Oct. 11; three creatures paralyzed him, floated him into the craft, put him before an instrument resembling a big eye for examination, then put him back on the pier.

Tells What He Saw

"Though I'll be the laughing stock of the country, I'll tell what I seen," he vowed. "One of these days folks'll know it's true."

Parker couldn't add much to the tale; he reportedly fainted when the creatures approached and Hickson said he didn't know what happened to him inside the craft.

Since the two men told their tale, there has been a rash of reports of UFO sightings all over the country.

A number of deputies here, though unable to accept the space man theory, believe something truly weird took place in Pascagoula.

'They Aren't Lying'

"They aren't lying," said Deputy Howard Allzy, chief investigator. "I don't know what happened but, whatever it was, it was real to them. They agreed to undergo lie detector tests."

Dr. James Harder of the University of Mississippi and Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University placed the two men under hypnosis and concluded after four hours of questioning that they weren't just making up their story.

Hickson, a foreman at the Walker Shipyard, said it all happened at about 8 p.m. as he and Parker were casting for hardhead or croakers from a pier at old Schaupeter shipyard. The old yard has the sun-bleached skeleton of a barge drydock and a couple of iron piers, flanked by rusting auto hulks, empty bottles and beer cans.

An Isolated Spot

Though directly across the 100-yard wide river from Pascagoula, it is isolated. The great cranes of Ingalls Shipyard loom about a mile to the south. Busy U.S. 90 runs about 150 yards to the north.

Hickson said the UFO circled, then came down to hover just above the junk. Suddenly an opening appeared and the three creatures, "all wrinkled and pale," glided out.

"There I was, me with just a spinning reel, and Calvin done went hysterical on me," Hickson said. "You can't imagine how it was."

Hickson, whose interrogation by police was recorded, was vague on details. "Boss," he said once, "I just don't know. You got to remember how scared I was."

Both Hickson and Parker, after the first day or so, refused to talk further with newsmen.

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Lie Detector Confirms Worker's UFO Story

Oct. 31-1973

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — A lie detector test indicated Tuesday that a shipyard worker was telling the truth about being taken aboard a UFO by three crab-clawed creatures from outer space.

Charles Hickson, 42, was given the test by Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans, and repeated the harrowing tale he and a co-worker told authorities earlier this month.

"It is my opinion that he told the truth when he stated that he believes he saw a spaceship, that he was taken into the spaceship, and that he saw three creatures," Glasgow said.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 18, have maintained under intense questioning that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the night sky.

They said three crab-clawed creatures with wrinkly skin and pointed ears emerged from the craft and took them inside, where they were examined by an instrument that looked like a giant eye.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said the two men were "scared to death and shaking all over" when they reported the experience to officers. And Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men.

The polygraph tests were administered to Hickson in cooperation with Diamond's department at the request of an attorney for Hickson and Parker. The younger man did not take the test.

They have told their story to two nationally-recognized scientists. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department, interviewed the men

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A firm which specializes in evaluating psychological stress said after another interview with the two Gautier men that their story did not appear to be a hoax.

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The Miss Heritage, attractive dance and drill team from the University of Southern Mississippi, will delight spectators at all home football games and some off-campus appearances this season. Pictured in Zuriel quartet-drill, they enjoy a lot the ease-the-leg, at least one particularly educational program. The group includes, from left: Debby Powell, Jane Parkenberry; Kathy Jane Summerville, Delores Camille Dismukes and Martha Kim Williams. 23 are from Petal except Miss Parkenberry, who is from Collins. (UPI Photo Service)

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Two claim they were on a UFO

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek will be honored by the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association Oct. 22. See story on page 28.

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The men, both employed at the W. B. Walker Shipyards, were checked for radioactivity at Keesler Air Force Base Friday and the results were negative.

Hynek said one problem in the study of UFO sightings like the Pascagoula incident was the lack of an organization properly funded to conduct an investiga-

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Scientists Record UFO Sightings; Pascagoula Fishermen Board Spaceship

By John Moore

Flying saucers invade Piedmont, Mo.

Police chase mysterious lights in Alabama

Two fishermen in Mississippi claim they were taken aboard a spaceship.

Science fiction? No, these are reports made by people who seriously claimed the incidents happened, and are only a few of the most recent in an enormous body of reports that has been growing for over 26 years.

Systematic recording and compilation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) did not begin until 1947. Since then, numerous organizations devoted to the cataloguing and investigating of UFO sightings have sprung up. John Schuessler, McDonnell-Douglas engineer and Missouri state chairman for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), says the United States is currently the scene of the largest wave of UFO sightings ever recorded.

In terms of actual numbers, the volume of UFOs being seen is staggering. "In my files alone I have 40,000 reports," says Schuessler, who is a design engineer for Project Skylab. Indeed, reports have come in much faster and in greater numbers than MUFON can possibly investigate, reports Schuessler.

In recent weeks the St. Louis area has been a prime area for UFO sightings. Metallic discs, balls of fire, brightly glowing spheres, and air-borne ovoids have been seen in St. Charles, Bridgeton, O'Fallon, Sappington, and across the river in Alton, Edwardsville, and Quincy. In south St. Louis County physical landing traces are currently being studied.

September 22, in Palmyra, Mo., six witnesses aboard a barge spotted an illuminated object hovering over the Mississippi River. When a searchlight from the barge was shone on the object, it suddenly brightened, lighting a large part of the countryside and was observed by hundreds of people.

September 26, a cluster of six UFOs was seen south of St. Charles, Mo.

Between September 25 and 27, both Jonesboro, Ark., and Charlotte, S.C., were the scenes of repeated sightings, often by groups of witnesses.

September 29, UFOs were seen in Bridgeton, Mo.; the sheriff of Hornbeak, Tenn. reported three unexplained objects; and in Quincy, Ill. police gave chase.

In Sikeston, Mo., on October 1, police watched an object which they said was 100 feet in diameter shoot out of a field and vanish in the sky.

October 7, a glowing green ball passed over Cleveland, Ohio.

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Pascagoula

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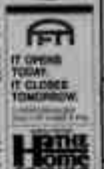

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'It's Not a Hoax'

2 Men Really Were Aboard UFO,

Expositor-Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Two Mississippi fishermen who told of being taken aboard a strange space craft, examined and then released were telling the truth, a University of California at Berkeley professor says.

Dr. James Harder of the university's engineering college said his examination of Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, convinced him that, "It's not a hoax."

"It's an entirely real experi- said. "There is no room for ridicule in this case."

Harder, consultant for the private, non-profit Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., used hypnosis in examining the two men.

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"I WAS ABLE to regress each of them into the experience," he said. "Their reaction of fear and terror was evidence to me beyond a reasonable doubt that they were reliving an experience."

Hickson and Parker, two shipyard workers from Pascagoula, Miss., said they were fishing on a river pier Thursday when a blue-colored object appeared and three objects floated from it.

What they saw had wrinkled skin, pointed ears, eye slits, sharp noses and holes below their noses, the men said. They reported that they were taken aboard the craft, then released.

Harder was called by the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization Friday morning, left for Mobile, Ala., by plane that afternoon and drove to Pascagoula on Saturday to examine Hickson and Parker.

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"AFTER considerable preliminaries necessary to convince them that it was harmless to them, I was able to use ordinary hypnotic techniques to regress them back through the experience," he said.

The younger man lost consciousness when he was taken aboard the craft and could not give a complete account of his experience, Harder said.

"The older man retained consciousness but he was so terrorized that I couldn't take him through the whole experience. I had to break off the hypnotic experience at a point where it became too painful to him."

Harder was joined in the examination by Dr. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University astronomy department.

There are not imbalanced people," Hynek said. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

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HARDER SAID skeptics probably will suggest that Hickson and Parker were suffering hallucinations, but he said that in that case they'd have to be identical hallucinations.

Sheriff Fred Diamond of Jackson County, Miss., said "They are sincere. If it is a hoax, they should be in Hollywood."

Three other persons in the Pascagoula area reported seeing unidentified flying objects that same night.

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Two scientists believe UFO seized pair

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — (U P I) — A Northwestern University astronomer says the very terrifying experience of two men indicates that a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Dr. Allen Hynek said, "but the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Hynek and Dr. James Harder of the University of California interviewed by hypnosis two shipyard workers who told authorities they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River when a fish-shaped vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the sky.

Charles Hickson, 42, and 19-year-old Calvin Parker, both of the Gautier community, have maintained throughout a weekend of intense questioning that they were taken aboard the craft by three weird creatures with wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointed ears.

Hynek, who was scientific consultant to Project Blue Book when it was conducted on UFO's by the U.S. Air Force in the 1960's, said after talking to Parker and Hickson:

"There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience.

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Ask Them Yourself

The Lima News
FAMILY WEEKLY
Jan. 13, 1974

FOR DR. ALLEN HYNEK,
astronomer at Northwestern University

When you were in charge of the Air Force's UFO inquiry, you rejected the existence of UFO's. Now you certify the experience of two men in Mississippi who say three creatures spirited them aboard a flying saucer. What gives?—Ian L. Barkley, Biloxi, Miss.

● I do examine these men under hypnosis and have stated their experience was very real. I have not changed my mind about outer visitors. But I have changed my mind about UFOs being outer spaceships. I envision things a lot more subtle and far out than that. We are dealing with a very real and as yet unexplored phenomenon, going on I believe, partly within man. UFO's are unsure, and I for one cannot explain many of the things they describe. We must, however, remember that the "U" in UFO simply means "unidentified"—not necessarily visitors from outer space.

Pascagoula fishermen 'see Martians, ride in UFO'

Pascagoula Fisherman Says USO Not Fish

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP)—In this city where flying saucer reports circulated a few weeks ago, a fisherman says he won't accept an official explanation of a glowing object he saw in the water.

Raymo Ryan, 42, summoned Coast Guardsmen this week to look at a glowing object that he said felt like metal when he hit it with an oar.

The Coast Guard filed a report on the "Unidentified, submerged, illuminating object," but a spokesman said later it probably was a school of fish or shrimp that carried "an impressment of phosphorous. . . .

"On a bright, moonlit night this was just glowing up through the water," said R. C. Pace, officer in charge of the Pascagoula Coast Guard office.

Ryan said he does not agree.

"When I hit it with my oar, it felt like metal and when the Coast Guardsman took my oar and hit it, he said it felt like metal," he recalled.

"I fooled with it for about two hours and I've been fishing in these waters for 42 years and I know a fish when I see one and that wasn't a fish."

Ryan said, "It looked like a mini-submarine I once saw on a TV picture tube."

The object originally was described as the size of three small fishing boats, but was only four to six feet in diameter when Coast Guardsmen arrived to check the report.

"If it was a school of fish, it could very easily have broken up into small schools, which could account for that," the Coast Guard's Pace said.

The reported object was seen near the mouth of the Pascagoula River, not far from where two other fishermen claimed last month that they were taken aboard a flying saucer and examined by strange creatures.

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Strange Craft Visits Pascagoula

There must be something about Pascagoula that UFO creatures find particularly attractive.

Only a few weeks ago, two shipyard workers there claimed they were taken aboard a hovering UFO, examined and then released. Lie detector tests upheld that claim.

And now near the same spot, two Coast Guardmen reported chasing an "unidentified submerged illuminating object."

The object was first reported by Raymond Ryan, 42, of Pascagoula, who was fishing on a river there Tuesday night.

Ryan told the Coast Guardmen the object began following him in four to six feet of water and he tried to hit it with an oar, but failed to damage it.

The Guardmen then chased the same object for a half an hour until it disappeared. They returned to their base to file an official report.

That episode is only the latest in a series of UFO sightings throughout the Southeast in the past three months. It is the first underwater sighting, however, that we know of.

The only conclusion to be drawn from this is that UFOs can fly or travel under water.

We hesitate to speculate about the mysterious UFOs. About all we know for sure is that if one ever lands in downtown Mobile for repairs, the Mobile Press will be on hand to get a picture.

Enclosure (2) to WILBANKS/DORMAN
Trip Report of 12 Nov 73

The Pascagoula encounter in popular culture

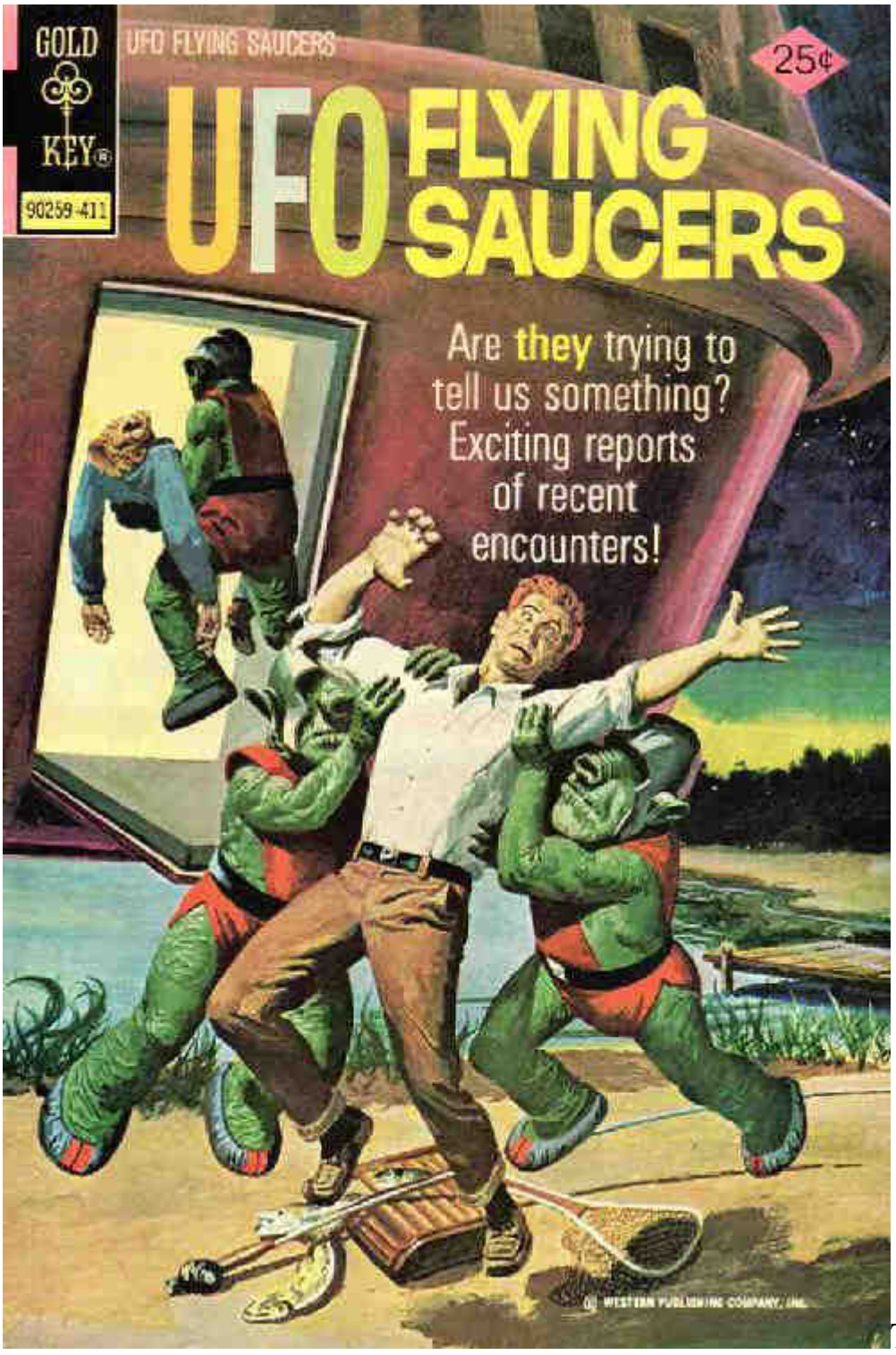
A model that was still on sale in 2018

A one-off model made in Brazil in 2018. Photo courtesy Thiago Ticcehtti
Charles Hickson’s 45 rpm vinyl record detailing our encounter

Model of the creature made in Japan Plastic model still available for purchase in 2018

Hand made wooden model of the creature available online in 2018

A set of models for sale online. The Pascagoula creature is among this set



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CHARLIE! WHAT DOES THAT THING WANT FROM US? IT'S JUST SITTING THERE, WATCHING...
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OCTOBER 11, 1973—A QUIET EVENING IN PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI. CHARLES HICKSON AND CALVIN PARKER, FISHING AT THE RIVER'S EDGE, ARE SUDDENLY FRIGHTENED BY A STRANGE BUZZING SOUND...
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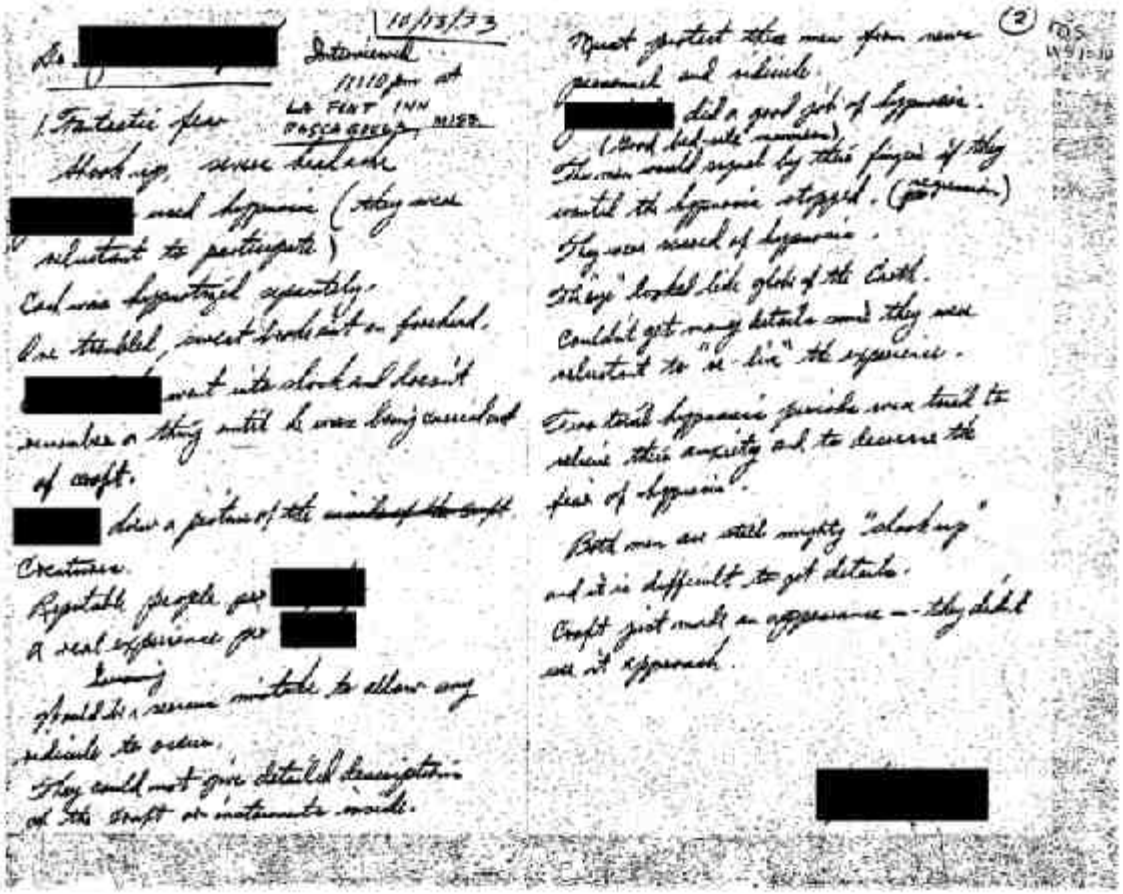
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
GOT ME! NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE IT, CHARLIE!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S GETTING CLOSER!
LOOK OVER THERE! IN THE SKY—
WHAT THE— IT'S ONE OF THOSE... FLYING SAUCERS!
THAT LIGHT! I CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OFF IT!
IT'S LANDING! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
IT'S HAPPENING TOO FAST... I CAN'T THINK!
FROZEN TO THE SPOT, THE CONFUSED AND TERRIFIED MEN ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS A BIZARRE SCENE— PERHAPS THE STRANGEST SIGHT IMAGINABLE ON THIS PLANET!
CAL! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE!

GOOD LORD! RIGHT OUT OF A HORROR MOVIE!
THIS WAS NO FILM. ALTHOUGH ANY ATHLETIC MAN WOULD BE PROUD TO WALK ON WATER!!
WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH US?
I DON'T KNOW... AND I DON'T WANT TO FIND OUT!
UAGHHH...
LET ME GO! HELP! OH, NO! WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO CALVIN?
LIKE HELPLESS FISH PULLED FROM THE SEA, THE TWO MEN FLOAT WITH THEIR CAPTORS TO AN UNKNOWN FATE.
THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE US AWAY! THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE US AWAY!!
THAT THING -- IT LOOKS LIKE A BIG EYE -- THEY'RE POINTING IT AT ME!
NOW I'VE HAD IT!
KRAMPH!
YBBYMMM!

DON'T FEEL A THING!! ...NOW I SEE--IT'S LIKE AN X-RAY MACHINE... THEY'RE EXAMINING ME! BUT WHEN IT'S OVER, THEN WHAT!!
FIFTEEN OR TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
WHAT'S THAT NOISE--THE MOTOR STARTING? ARE THEY GOING TO TAKE OFF! I WISH I KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!!
RMMMMMMMMM
FOR THE SECOND TIME, THE TWO MEN ARE SUSPENDED IN AIR AS THEY FLOAT TOWARDS THE BANK OF THE RIVER! AT THAT MOMENT, CHARLES ANDERSON HAS ONLY ONE THOUGHT...
THEY'RE TAKING US BACK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT REALLY HAPPENED! I'M IN ONE PIECE--THEY DIDN'T HURT ME!
BUT CALVIN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?? CALVIN! COME OUT OF IT!

Items from the MUFON case file. Some names have been redacted by MUFON as is their policy



Re. [redacted] Interview 10/13/73
11:10 pm at LA FIAT INN FOSCA CREEK, MISS.

I Fantastic fear
Hook-up, severe headache
[redacted] used hypnosis (they were reluctant to participate)
Ced was hypnotized repeatedly.
One terrible, sweat broke out on forehead.
[redacted] went into shock and doesn't remember a thing until it was being carried out of craft.
[redacted] drew a picture of the inside of the craft. Creatures.
Reputable people per [redacted]
A real experience for [redacted]
Leaving should be a serious mistake to allow any ridicule to occur.
They could not give detailed description of the craft or instruments inside.

(2)
Must protect these men from more personal and ridicule.
[redacted] did a good job of hypnosis.
(Used default number)
The man could signal by tapping fingers if they wanted the hypnosis stopped. (negative)
They were scared of hypnosis.
"Eye" looked like globe of the Earth.
Couldn't get many details and they were reluctant to "re-live" the experience.
Emotional hypnosis psychic was used to relieve their anxiety and to decrease the fear of hypnosis.
Both men are still mighty "shook up" and it is difficult to get details.
Craft just made an appearance — they didn't see it approach.
[redacted]

Hand written letter detailing aspects of our encounter

Nov. 21, 73

Am sorry to be so late in communicating and sending you a report on the happenings in the South and the Pascagoula, Miss. landing. I do suppose it is better late than never and I am continuing to gather reports.

I personally flew to Pascagoula in the hope of taking some pictures in the landing area and also interview some of the people involved. I obtained a private pilot and on the morning of our trip we were delayed by several hours waiting on the fog to clear. Since my pilot does not have an instrument rating this caused our trip there and back to be rather short.

Upon my arrival in Pascagoula I found that the sheriff was not taking any calls through his office since he had gotten so many. I was unable to talk to the two men who were supposed to have been taken aboard the saucer due to the fact that the men and their lawyer were not available for comments.

I did however talk to the editor of the Mississippi Press and to one of his reporters whom had investigated and interviewed the people involved. I then decided to spend what time I had in talking with them as I figured any investigative attempts on my part would only reveal what they had found.

The editor was a bit skeptical but one of the reporters which I talked with seemed to believe their story. There were a few points brought out which I do not believe were brought out in the papers and that was:

1. For the men to have held up their story under hypnosis they would have had to have been previously hypnotized. There was a hypnotist which lived near one of the men. However this does not answer the question - what did the men have to gain by such a story?

2. One of the men had indeed filed for bankruptcy only a few months prior to this strange occurance. But there is little doubt that two people would take such a route in an attempt to gain wealth and fame.

3. The sighting took place between two bridges and neither guard (drawbridges have one man to control bridge for ships)saw anything odd on that particular night.

4. Ingles Shipyard and Litton Industries had closed circuit tv monitors in the area but either they were not pointed in that direction or no one noticed anything odd on the scanners.

5. About this same time strange material fell from the skies in Miss. which ties in with other sightings where falls have occured around the time of saucer sightings.

I was able to ~~talk~~ talk with Mr. [redacted] who gave me much info. and also the editor of the Miss. Press.

I took some movie footage from the air of the landing area and also some slides. I will try to forward copies if you like.

Under seperate cover I am sending some tape interviews with some people in Alabama who made some sightings.

Enclosed is some b/w prints of landing area taken from a/v. As you can see object came down between 2 bridges.

[redacted]
Steele, Ala
SPRINGVILLE, ALA.
(ST. CLAIR COUNTY)

Letter discussing someone from MUFON taking a trip to Pascagoula in an attempt to interview those involved

March 6, 1975

Mississippi Press,
[redacted]
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the prompt service in mailing copies of your special edition titled "UFO's Over Mississippi... A 7-Day Space Odyssey". This was a fine service and a collectors item for those of us who have been studying the UFO phenomenon for over 25 years.

This letter is being written to seek your help in obtaining two photographs that were taken by your photographers and appeared in the publication. To complete my file and that of MUFON, I would like to secure 8 x 10 or 5 x 7 black and white photographs (copies) of the picture of Dr. [redacted] and Dr. [redacted] that appears on page 5 and the shot of [redacted] and [redacted] that is the center fold on pages 8 and 9.

Please enclosed a statement with the photographs advising the cost for performing this favor for MUFON. Rest assured that these photographs are not being requested for republication, but for my personal use. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Director, MUFON

Letter from the MUFON Director

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October 17, 1975

[redacted] Ft Smith, Ark.

1. Sound like steam leaking from a pipe
2. Saw craft
3. Opening not apparent
4. Could hear 30 ft long & 10 ft high
   Couldn't tell the overall shape (saucer?)
5. Putting cement
   5 – 54" tall looked like human body
6. Red
7. Humble
8. Hands like mitten
9. Arms set on each side of Charles Hickson
10. Felt pain in the leg touched him
11. Floated to craft
12. Bright light — room was brilliantly lighted
13. Eyes of the portrait — different color and
   seemed to come out of the wall
   started from his face down his body up back
14. Left in suspended in space for a period
15. Craft climbed to
16. [redacted] was already there
17. [redacted] knee buckled and started to crawl to [redacted]
18. [redacted] 's arms were extended forward
19. When [redacted] neared the opening of the craft
   it closed (door)
20. Called Keesler AFB Base — not interested
21. Called Sheriff's office — told story
   Sheriff planned car patrols

10/17/75

21. Went home and went to work the night beg.
22. Draw bridge operator awake and has lights
23. A tractor-trailer came into the area without the operator ever turning around until the night morning
24. 2 blue lights at top that seemed to revolve
25. Hands were over like a shade and glared fingers
26. 4 other witnesses saw the light come down
27. Craft did not seem to glow
The Hal working lights illuminated the cockpit & the outside
28. Check for radiation not available - Photography
Taken to Keesler AFB and checked for radiation
29. [redacted] knew copy of Air Force report from [redacted]
30. [redacted] that Sept that he and [redacted] were recalled to Offutt
31. [redacted] is well over 6 feet tall. He had a severe headache and was hospitalized for several days
32. Buzzing sound was only sound emitted — no communication attempted.
33. 21 months 16 days in Army and served in Korea
34. Total time elapsed = subjective belief
It was "dusk-dark" when it started. Reconstructed it (30-45 minutes) was of note trying to compute total time
35. [redacted] reported mysterious bleeding of left arm small puncture. At same spot when creature touched him
36. Physical = about 10-20 minutes — new lesions have developed
37. No telepathic communications
38. Asked if he had other experiences
39. Did this change your religious thoughts?
Growing as a Seventh Day Baptist. Knows that God exists
More [redacted]

[redacted]

40 [redacted] hypnotized was a relaxed feeling

41 [redacted] felt was bad headache when he [redacted] Coast Guard hypnosis

42. Did he ask VEP literature ? Coast G
(Shows knowledge of a case of Cancer)

43, Was skin like a elephant type ? [redacted] and he refused to see me. Very deep hypnotized possible

44. Why did he leave [redacted] and go to med for Walter Hagood ? Got tired of "tortoise" at Capt. more money at Walter, Rm. training dept and the Lab conflict with opinion. Was not a

45. Do you feel that you were electrified ? Answer = no

46, Was there any heat in the room other than light, No feeling whatever. Could he have been anesthetized and something injected, Not sure if there was an Intravenous. Dentist pain and feeling left immediately

Eye condition — went to eye doctors and they haven't been able to tell him what's wrong. Has eye get blurry now. Must shut sleeve

47, Question about submerged object and light ? touched it with pedal - Reported to Coast Guard no report published

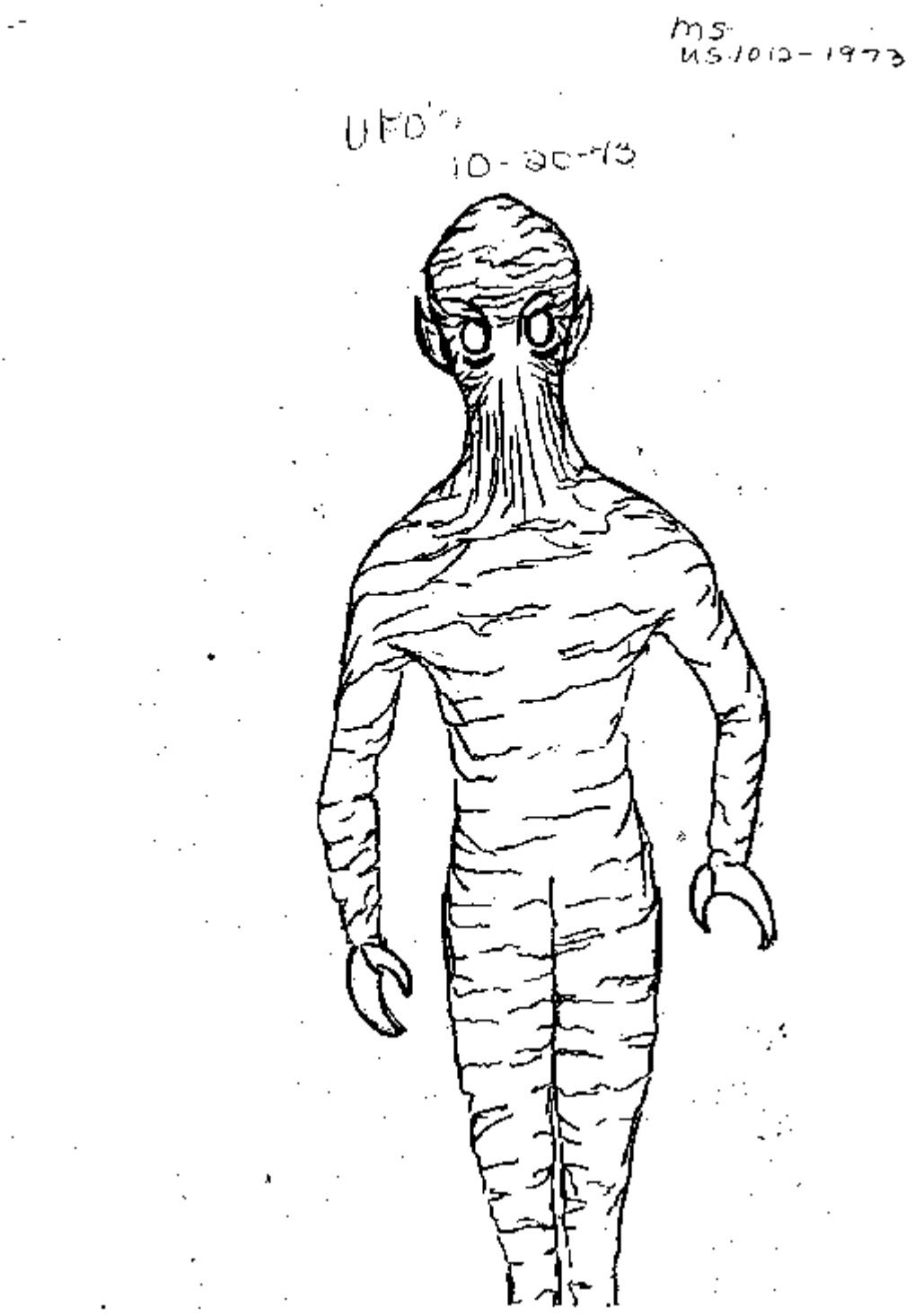
48, Super spy ship and nuclear subs in built at Pascagoula Was it a Russian spy vessel

49, When door opened on craft there was a brilliant glow coming from the craft. Bodies were solid, not vaporous - Illuminated only from the door and ground

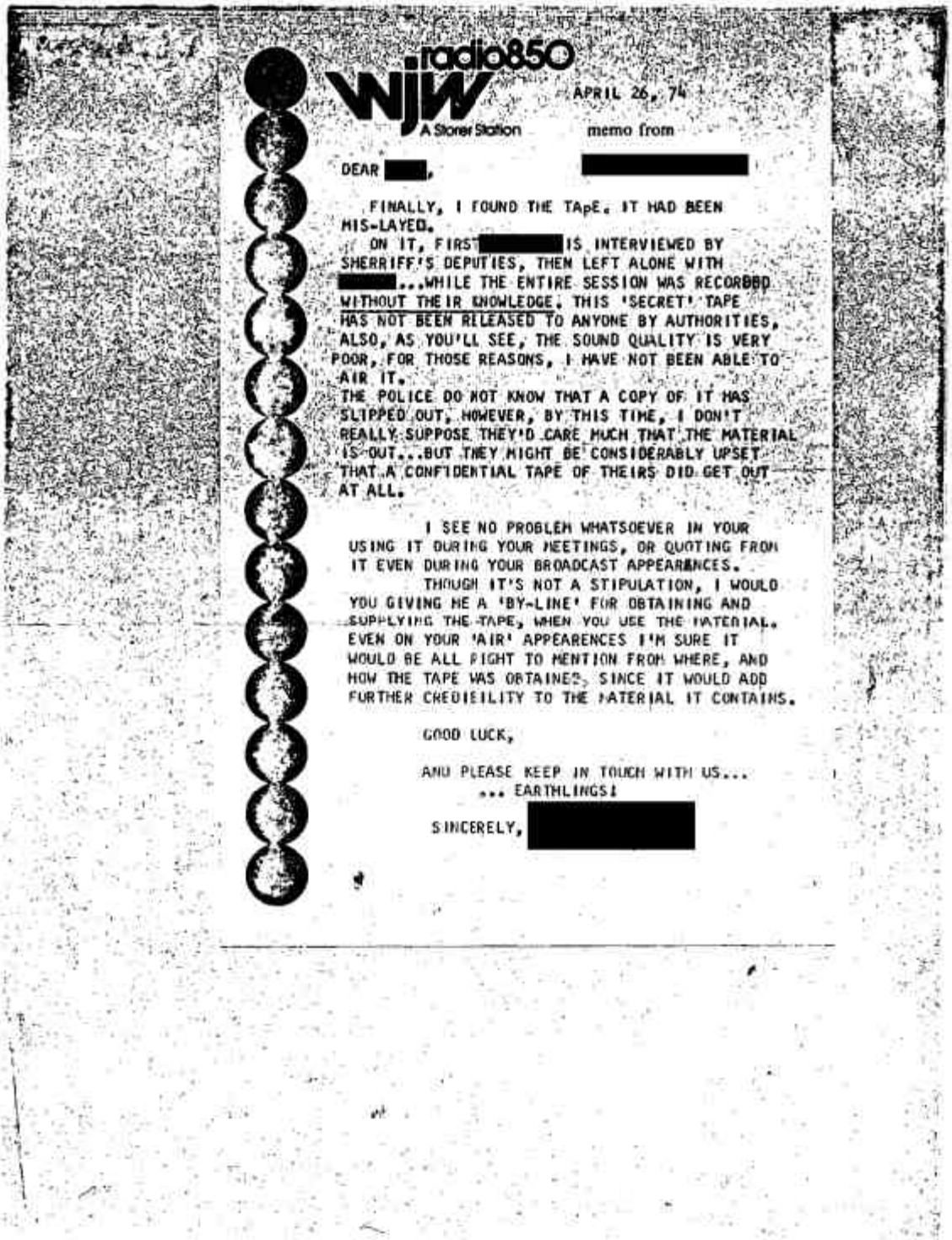
50. [redacted] would say it "didn't know" if there was an explanation as observation -

51. Not sure of color of light emitted from craft.

52, Did [redacted] notice anything unusual about the clothing which might have been affected ? Noticed nothing



Hand written notes discussing our encounter and a drawing of the creature



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APRIL 26, 74

memo from [redacted]

DEAR [redacted],

FINALLY, I FOUND THE TAPE. IT HAD BEEN MIS-LAYED.

ON IT, FIRST [redacted] IS INTERVIEWED BY SHERRIFF'S DEPUTIES, THEN LEFT ALONE WITH [redacted]...WHILE THE ENTIRE SESSION WAS RECORDED WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. THIS 'SECRET' TAPE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO ANYONE BY AUTHORITIES. ALSO, AS YOU'LL SEE, THE SOUND QUALITY IS VERY POOR, FOR THOSE REASONS, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AIR IT.

THE POLICE DO NOT KNOW THAT A COPY OF IT HAS SLIPPED OUT, HOWEVER, BY THIS TIME, I DON'T REALLY SUPPOSE THEY'D CARE MUCH THAT THE MATERIAL IS OUT...BUT THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLY UPSET THAT A CONFIDENTIAL TAPE OF THEIRS DID GET OUT AT ALL.

I SEE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER IN YOUR USING IT DURING YOUR MEETINGS, OR QUOTING FROM IT EVEN DURING YOUR BROADCAST APPEARANCES.

THOUGH IT'S NOT A STIPULATION, I WOULD YOU GIVING ME A 'BY-LINE' FOR OBTAINING AND SUPPLYING THE TAPE, WHEN YOU USE THE MATERIAL. EVEN ON YOUR 'AIR' APPEARENCES I'M SURE IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT TO MENTION FROM WHERE, AND HOW THE TAPE WAS OBTAINED, SINCE IT WOULD ADD FURTHER CREDIBILITY TO THE MATERIAL IT CONTAINS.

GOOD LUCK,

AND PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US...
... EARTHLINGS!

SINCERELY, [redacted]

A letter discussing ‘the secret tape’

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PASCAGOULA UPDATE

One of the most controversial aspects of the case of the Pascagoula, Mississippi, abduction of two fishermen ([redacted] and [redacted]) on October 11, 1973 has been the lie detector test. In his UFOs Explained, [redacted] suggests that the report is a hoax. He bases this conclusion primarily upon the suspicious circumstances surrounding the polygraph test administered to [redacted] on October 30 of that year. Because the polygraphist was uncertified, and because he was called in hastily to perform the test in order to be ready for a TV appearance on the [redacted] show, [redacted] submits that the test was a whitewash.

On October 19, 1976, I traveled with CBS newsman [redacted] and a cameraman from WWL-TV New Orleans to interview [redacted] at the site of the alleged abduction in Pascagoula. [redacted] recited the full account of his encounter on video-tape which was then edited and played on New Orleans television. After I told [redacted] of the controversy regarding the polygraph, we decided to subject the full interview to an examination by a Truth Analysis Psychological Stress Evaluator. We did so. [redacted] passed the test.

Dr. [redacted]
NUFON State Director for Louisiana

A letter discussing the early polygraph test

DR. [redacted] The following may be of interest to you. [redacted]

MS 45101-1473 WHY DID [redacted] LEAVE THE [redacted]?

On the night of Oct. 17, 1975, [redacted] [redacted] (of Pascagoula "UFO abduction" fame) spoke at a national UFO conference in Ft. Smith,Arkansas. Following his formal remarks, he answered questions from the floor.

I asked [redacted] the following question: "Mr. [redacted], could you tell us the reason why you left your job at the [redacted] [redacted] and went to work at the [redacted] [redacted], please?"

[redacted] replied: "Well, ah, yes, I, ah, well actually it would take a while for me to explain. Ah, I was a shipbuilder, a shipfitter foreman. And (pause), [redacted] is a, ah, large place, a large manufacturer of ships. They work about 21 or 22,000 people.

"And for one reason, I simply got tired of the rat race there. And for another reason, I made more money on the job that I went to--to [redacted].

"And there's another reason. There was some problems there with the Union. They thought, thought that ah, ah, ah, there was a more conflict there because, simply the people that worked for me -- I'll try to explain it so you can understand it--the people that worked for me, ah, in other words, the department that I ran was more or less a training department.

"I took kindly to people learning their jobs and as soon as they advanced to where they knew their jobs, I would automatically step those people up [i.e. in grade and pay]. So then the other departments wasn't doing that. And then I had a conflict with the Union because I simply don't believe in holding a man down if he can do the job. So we had a conflict there and, ah, in, in things like that I wasn't satisfied there and I left that job and went to the [redacted]."

In the Jan. 17, 1974, edition of "Rolling Stone," [redacted] wrote that [redacted] had been fired "because his superiors alleged that [redacted], expert shipfitter, was borrowing money from the boys working under him, then paying them back by trying to finagle them promotions."

The following afternoon, I interviewed [redacted] in the conference hotel lobby:

[redacted] "Let's talk about the reason that you left the [redacted]."

"I think you have your mind made up and there's no reason...

"Well, I talked to the people at [redacted] and..."

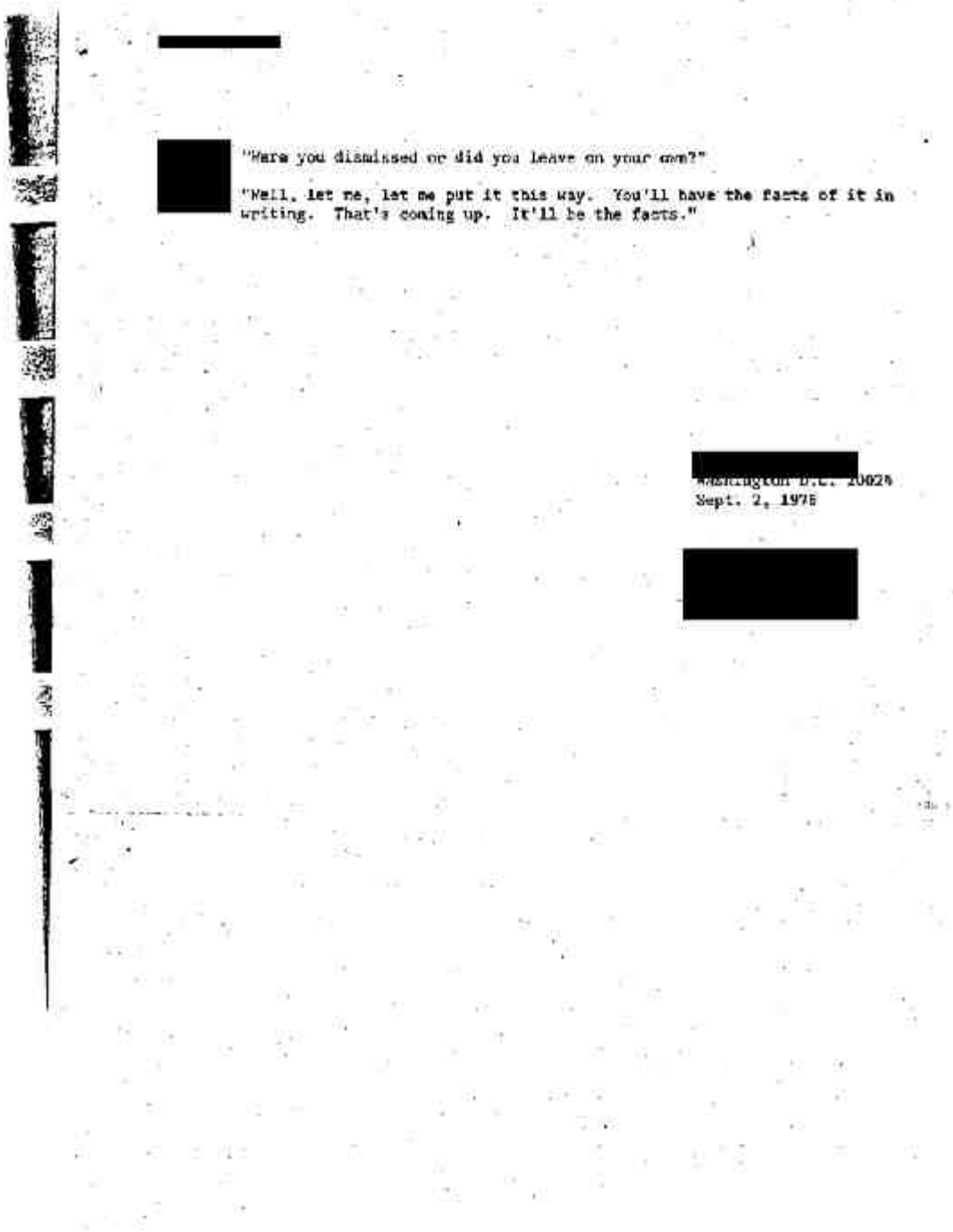
"That's O.K."

"What is your version of what happened?"

"Your mind is made up."

"I'd like to hear your version of why you left."

"Well, you'll have my version in writing, that's coming up" [i.e. a book.]



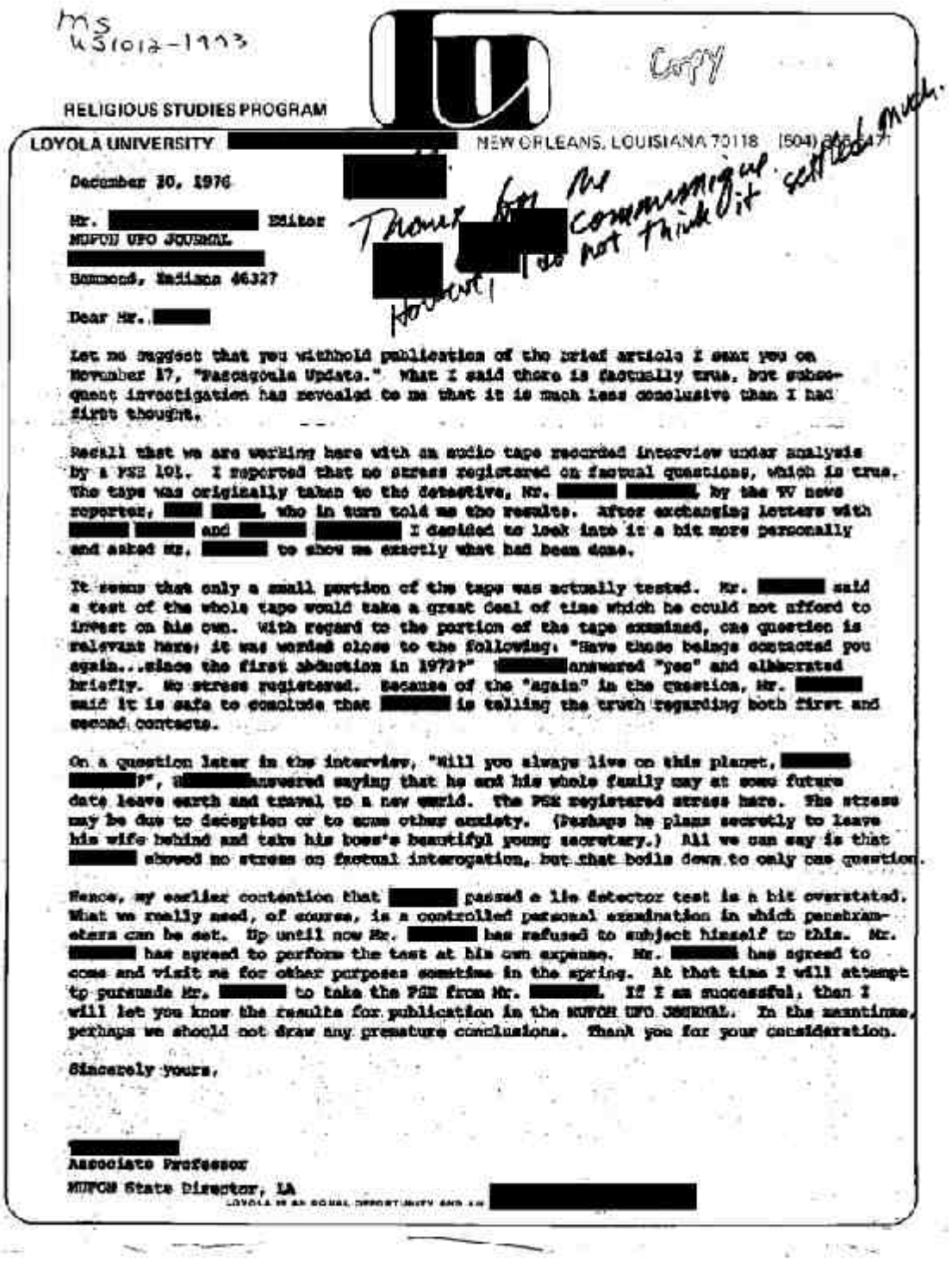
"Were you dismissed or did you leave on your own?"

"Well, let me, let me put it this way. You'll have the facts of it in writing. That's coming up. It'll be the facts."

[redacted]
Washington D.C. 20024
Sept. 2, 1975

[redacted]

I believe that the person answering these questions was Charles Hickson



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROGRAM

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118 (504) [redacted]

December 30, 1976

Thanks for the communique. I do not think it settles much.

Mr. [redacted] Editor
MUFON UFO JOURNAL
[redacted]
Hammond, Indiana 46327

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Let me suggest that you withhold publication of the brief article I sent you on November 17, "Pascagoula Update." What I said there is factually true, but subsequent investigation has revealed to me that it is much less conclusive than I had first thought.

Recall that we are working here with an audio tape recorded interview under analysis by a PSE 101. I reported that no stress registered on factual questions, which is true. The tape was originally taken to the detective, Mr. [redacted], by the TV news reporter, [redacted], who in turn told me the results. After exchanging letters with [redacted] and [redacted] I decided to look into it a bit more personally and asked Mr. [redacted] to show me exactly what had been done.

It seems that only a small portion of the tape was actually tested. Mr. [redacted] said a test of the whole tape would take a great deal of time which he could not afford to invest on his own. With regard to the portion of the tape examined, one question is relevant here; it was worded close to the following: "Have those beings contacted you again...since the first abduction in 1973?" [redacted] answered "yes" and elaborated briefly. No stress registered. Because of the "again" in the question, Mr. [redacted] said it is safe to conclude that [redacted] is telling the truth regarding both first and second contacts.

On a question later in the interview, "Will you always live on this planet, [redacted]?", [redacted] answered saying that he and his whole family may at some future date leave earth and travel to a new world. The PSE registered stress here. The stress may be due to deception or to some other anxiety. (Perhaps he plans secretly to leave his wife behind and take his boss's beautiful young secretary.) All we can say is that [redacted] showed no stress on factual interogation, but that boils down to only one question.

Hence, my earlier contention that [redacted] passed a lie detector test is a bit overstated. What we really need, of course, is a controlled personal examination in which parameters can be set. Up until now Mr. [redacted] has refused to subject himself to this. Mr. [redacted] has agreed to perform the test at his own expense. Mr. [redacted] has agreed to come and visit me for other purposes sometime in the spring. At that time I will attempt to persuade Mr. [redacted] to take the PSE from Mr. [redacted]. If I am successful, then I will let you know the results for publication in the MUFON UFO JOURNAL. In the meantime, perhaps we should not draw any premature conclusions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
Associate Professor
MUFON State Director, LA

LOYOLA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND A [redacted]

A follow-up letter that had previously discussed ‘the secret tape’ Hand written letters covering various aspects of our encounter

Sheriff's Office Operator 10/13/73
[redacted], Desk Sgt.
Re Rice finding
Blue glow
Object stayed 1-2 ft off ground
3 men appeared over the ground to the pier
Picked up both men take the armed men the
[redacted] age 19 hypnotized (in church)
[redacted] age 42 able to relate events
No furniture in craft. well lighted
In craft about 20-30 minutes
Examined with instrument that appeared to be a huge eye
[redacted] and it was observed from
all sides
Checked by Doctors at Keesler Field (AFB)
and found to be sound of mind.
No drugs or alcoholic beverages.
~~Ob~~ Interviewed by Doctors at point 3 75 PM
Plan to be placed under hypnosis today
[redacted]

INTERVIEW
3:35 PM

[redacted] CHIEF DEPUTY

PASCAGOULA, MISS.

(H) AC [redacted]

Sheriff's Office (B) AC [redacted]

[redacted]

10/13/73

[redacted], Book Supt.
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Examined by two scientist today
hypnotized this afternoon

Dr. [redacted], Northwestern Univ.
Dr. [redacted], Univ of California

LA FONT INN ROOM ——
PASCAGOULA, MISS.

AC[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] Room 250
[redacted] Rom 248

Thursday night 10/11/73

[redacted] Age 42 (UPI typed)

[redacted] Age 14

PASCAGOULA, MISS.

Fishing along Pascagula River (Mouth)

Overturned aboard craft

WOLX-TV

Buzzing sound - blinking light

3 things floating across water

Crawled to vehicle and examined [redacted] with a big eye [redacted] passed out and could not remember.

Both /

Chief Deputy [redacted]

Heard like crash down

Buzzing, humming sound.

Both taken to Kessler AFB

[redacted], SHERIFF

[redacted]

CHARLES HICKSON

PASCAGOULA, MISS.

AC [redacted]

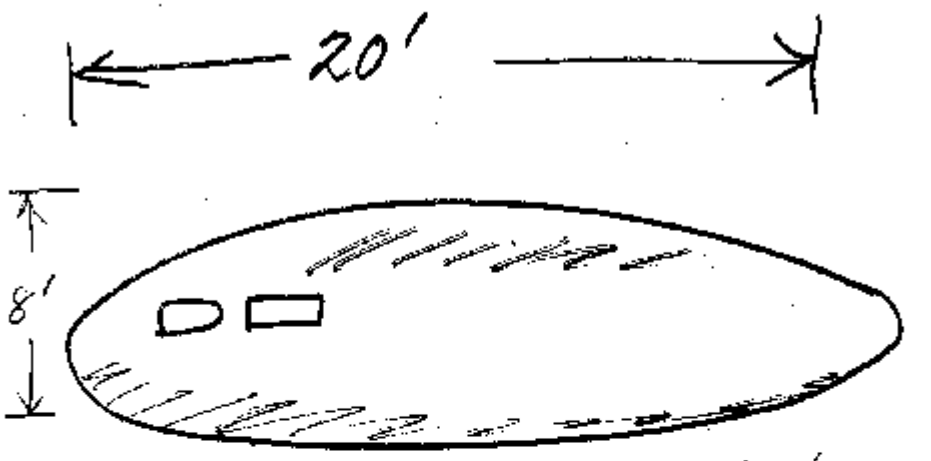
(J.C. HICKSON BILOXI)

[redacted], CHIEF DEPUTY

B.L. SR. [redacted]

B.L. JR [redacted] ←

[redacted] OFFICE



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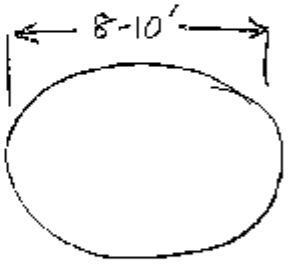

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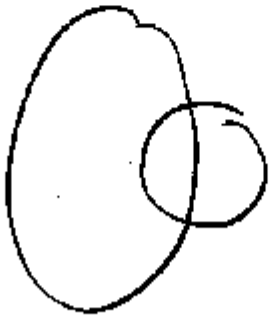

EXAMINING EYE

[redacted] [redacted] DESCRIPTION

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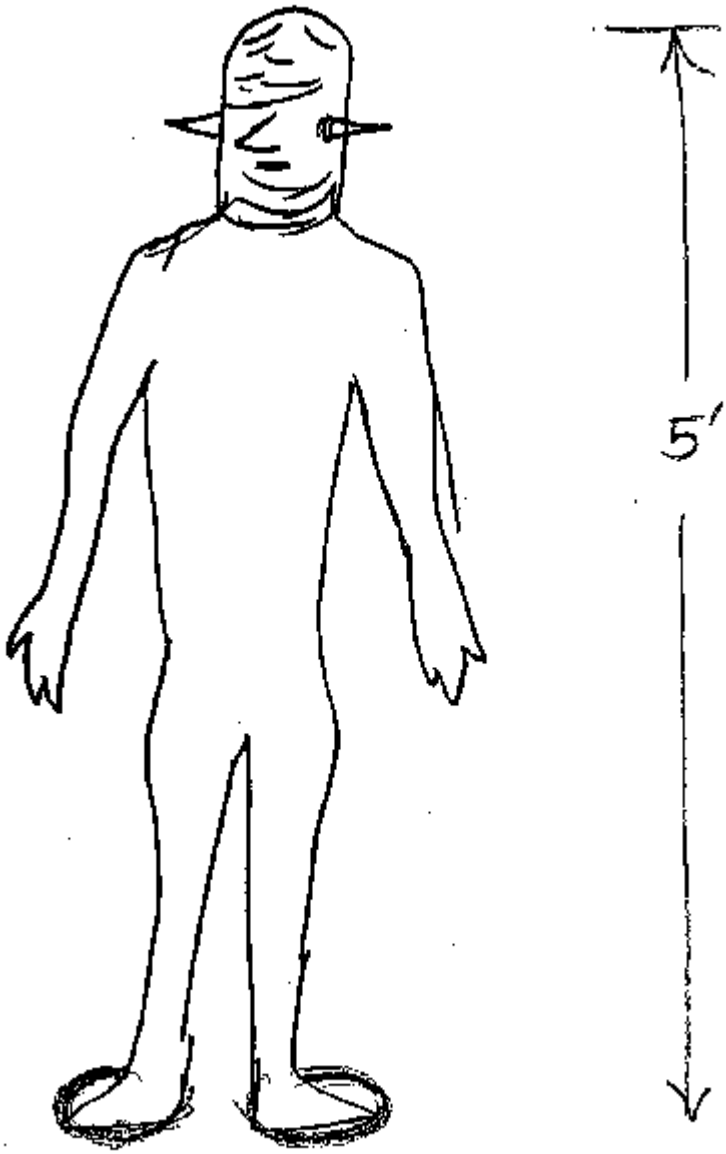

From the NICAP file. Letters from the USAF to UFO researcher Robert Todd

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 27, 1975

Dear Mr. Todd:

This is in response to your letter of February 21, 1975. I must repeat what we have stated before -- the Air Force is conducting no research program on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Perhaps you have already received the letter from Colonel Taylor explaining the incident at Pascagoula, Mississippi. As he states, the two men were brought to Keesler Air Force Base at the request of the Harrison County Sheriff for the sole purpose of undergoing a radiation test, because no other radiation detection equipment was available in that area. Keesler Air Force Base officials have confirmed that the two men departed that base after the radiation test showed negative results. No intelligence debriefing or medical test was conducted; thus, no report exists.

We did not presume to think that you were any more unaware than we of the many other books written over the years on the subject of UFOs. We mentioned the Klass' book only because it was recently published.

Understanding the only help we can offer on this project, if we can aid you within these parameters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Shirley J. Bach
SHIRLEY J. BACH
Major, USAF
Chief, Magazine & Book Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Avenue
Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

6 MAR 1975

Dear Mr. Todd:

This is in reply to your letter of February 28, 1975, requesting additional clarification regarding the alleged 1973 Air Force investigation of two Pascagoula, Mississippi, citizens who supposedly were taken aboard a spacecraft.

We do not know what sources were used by the author of Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that the only test performed on these two men was a routine radiation test conducted with a geiger counter device. No written reports were made regarding this matter since the negative results were verbally transmitted to the Harrison County Sheriff.

Sincerely,

James H. Taylor

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Ave.
Ardmore, PA 19003

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

24 FEB 1975

Dear Mr. Todd:

This is in reply to your letter of February 20, 1975 requesting information pertaining to the alleged 1973 Air Force investigation of two Pasagoula, Mississippi, residents after they were taken aboard a spacecraft.

The two gentlemen to whom you refer, were brought to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, at the request of the Harrison County Sheriff for the sole purpose of undergoing a brief radiation test since no other radiation detection equipment was available on the Gulf Coast. According to Keesler Air Force Base officials, the two men departed from the base immediately after responding negatively to this radiation check. No debriefing was conducted, nor were any laboratory or medical tests performed on these individuals by Air Force personnel.

In light of the above, no report of this brief incident exists, and we are unable to fulfill your request. As we stated in previous correspondence, the Air Force does not participate in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Object sightings.

Sincerely,

James H. Taylor

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Ave.
Ardmore, PA 19003

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS KEESLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39534

24 November 1975

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Ave
Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

Dear Mr. Todd:

In reply to your request of November 10, 1975. Keesler Technical Training Center has no records concerning medical findings, interrogation reports, or intelligence reports relating to Mr. Charles Hickson and Mr. Calvin Parker. The Air Force discontinued the investigation of UFOs December 17, 1969. This policy was in effect at the time of the incident that was reported on October 12, 1973. At the request of the Pascagoula Sheriff's Department, Keesler AFB did check the two men for radiation with a Geiger counter. The check for radiation was negative. A verbal report was provided to the Sheriff's Department representative. No written report was made or required. The Air Force did not investigate the incident.

Kenneth C. Collins
KENNETH C. COLLINS
Chief, Documentation Branch

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Prepare the Man

If nothing else these letters do confirm that we did travel to Keesler AFB to be tested for radiation which thankfully turned out to be negative

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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U.S. COAST GUARD (G-APA/83)
400 SEVENTH STREET, S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590
Phone: 202-426-1587

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12 FEB 1975

Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Avenue
Ardmore, Pa. 19003

Dear Mr. Todd:

This is in response to your recent letter of 21 January 1975 concerning the "unidentified submerged illuminating object" incident in the Pascagoula River, Mississippi. Enclosed is a news release and other information on this incident that we received from the Eighth Coast Guard District Public Information Office in New Orleans. No similar incidents of this nature have been recorded in our files.

If we can be of any further assistance to you please let us know. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A. L. LONSDALE
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Public Affairs Division

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US Coast Guard confirm USO sighting to UFO researcher Robert Todd

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL COASTAL SYSTEMS LABORATORY
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32401

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Code 117.1
08 JAN 1976

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Mr. Todd:

Your request for information from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, under the Freedom of Information Act, for documents relating to an investigation in November 1973 of events occurring in the Pascagoula River, has been forwarded to this Command for action.

Enclosed is a reproduced copy of the Pascagoula incident report as documented by Naval Coastal Systems Laboratory personnel involved in the subject investigation. Enclosures (2), (3), and (4) to the report, two articles from Mobile Press dated 9 November 1973, and two messages from Coast Guard Station Pascagoula to Commander Coast Guard Group Mobile, respectively, are included.

The material is minus enclosures (1) and (5). The memorandum with all enclosures was transmitted to the U. S. Coast Guard in Mobile, Alabama. If you desire more information about enclosures (1) and (5), you should write to:

Marine Environmental Protection
Port Security - Law Enforcement
U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
P. O. Box 1733
Mobile, AL 36601

The delay in answering your request is the result of this Laboratory's being in a reduced operations status from December 24 through January 2.

Sincerely,

R. T. QUINN
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure

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US Coast Guard letter to UFO researcher Robert Todd concerning the USO sighting. This sighting is featured elsewhere in this book Hand written notes from the NICAP file and a print out of Charles Hickson's polygraph test

Tom Cook — managing editor of Derby Herald

Richard Ethridge — regents

Regina
Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. Vera Long
[redacted]
601-864-8988

Gulf Lines
Night Desk
Jackson Herald
County Bureau

601-875-2777
Ocean Springs

she claims
Hixon was involved in
robbery in Jones County at Northside gas

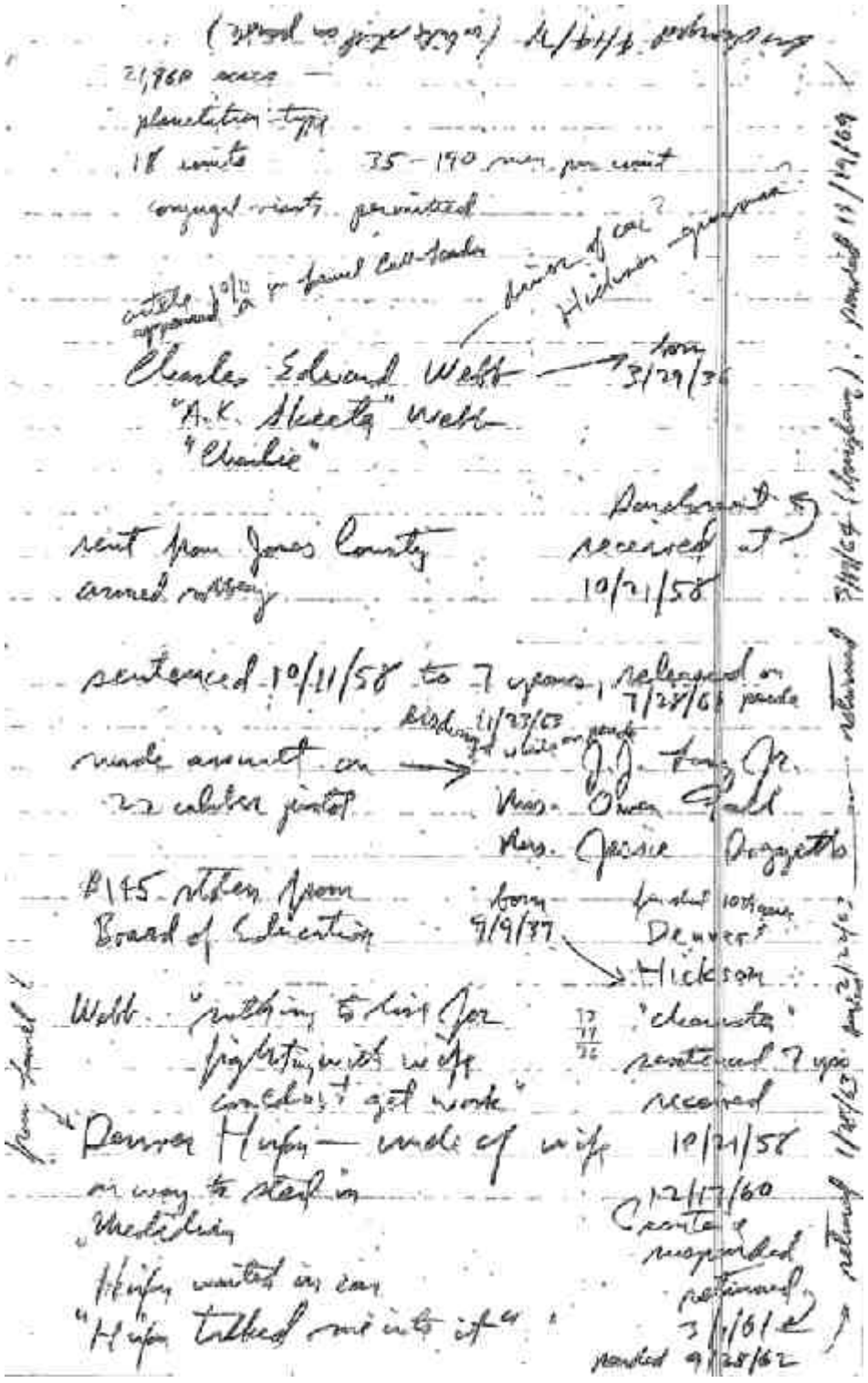
fired from Sugabs for stealing?
Terminated 11/20/72 — "conduct
reason ↗ unbecoming
supervisor"

intelligence — state police (highway patrol?)
Joe Long — Gulfport substation

man and woman held up ticket office at high
school stadium
Hixon driving getaway car
late caught

traffic violations
of Mrs. Long
was ticket agent

Herbert J. Long Jr.
Home
425-2978
teacher
chemistry
+ science
Sumrall
Northeast Jones High School
601-425-2347
graduate
601-477-8806 home → Harold Grayson



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Mr. Sierck [illegible]

sheriff — Fred Diamond

deputies — Barney Mathis
Howard Ellzy
Elena Ryder captain?

desk sergeant — Mary McPherson

Diamond wants to keep me doing sheriff

Pardon

between railroad trestle and highway bridge — about 200 yards twig two

Interviews held "privately" held on Saturday
Oct. 13

Dr. Hunter — Hunter hypnotized Bosco
Hyzek — to observe, as it
Dr Colcingo — might — Parker would
Mr. Bosco — local doctor terminated
Bridges

Walker may have — hired Hilyer away Letter

Bryant took H and P on boat ride around
Cape Ant., Oct. 27

seen in Marine Corps — Hilyer

Asked Walker some
things regarding
Hunter hypnotized Bosco
Bryant in Walker's office
about 5 minutes to observe Parker. He all right
Left 6-7 pm Sat

Parker was in office second term

Parker would have put into vocational program

younger brother was in same grade as Calvin, was better student but not good

Friday 9/19/58

taking money at gate

high school football game

Sandersville High School

man comes through turnstile with .22, takes ~~part of~~ cigar box (less than $200), ran back in bushes with knife

~~knife~~

highway patrolman was attending game just out there, but nobody was caught

sheriff was tipped off, later made arrest

2 female teachers and boy at gate

boy identified man with gun

an accomplice was also in line up

Herbert Spence
Rt 1, Box 214-A
Ellisville MS 39437

heard buzzing noise
terrific amount
saw blue light
moved way around
two appeared
three things came out
floated over to me
hummm
touched - Hinfy, took hold of him, lifted him
started to run to ship
no feeling when touched
third creature took hold of Parker
Parker fainted
something moved over body ("eye" -
height of two inside ship - size of football)
around 8 or 9 pm - dark
"they're going to take me away" - feeling during
Parker's account agree - abduction
"we almost didn't tell it."
couldn't tell whether skin was metal or skin
more metallic than elephant skin
projections on side where ears would be
projection on front where nose would be
no speech or movement of "mouth"
did hear "mumbling" once from one creature
didn't see any eyes
shorter than Hinfy
two time to run
three on one side, creatures on other
object left almost instantly
object about 20 ft long

Hilyer and Parker
returned to sheriff's office at
9:30 am — Diamond asked them to
Diamond made no police check on
background of man, thinks Walker did.

Rev. Bibby Riddick — independent Baptist
Ocean Springs Baptist Church
601-875-4940
Mr. Quisling

Fred Walters — sheriff at

Lamar Police
425-4711

Jones County sheriff
601-425-3147
S.L. Green

Sandersville

9th grade - freshman

Taught Parker boy in math class in 1970-71
"very poor student"
finished seventh
may have been in school part of last year, 72-73
"considerably behind his grade level"
capable of participating in discussion at
frequently telling tales of hunting bears
("giant rabbits") to fellow students, shop teacher

previous employment
Big Chief Drilling
Tulsa, Okla.

started work at Welker
Jan 27, 1973 – Hefner
Oct 2, 73 – Parker

from 4/16/31
11/2/54

H-high school
P-left high school
in junior year

Sandersville High 145
helper Parker
tool, farm, weld
NE Jones High

Charlie Hefner
still employed – came to trade to work Hauling warning
wished this work

Hefner – ship fitter, fisherman – steelwork
density small over of 5-6 crews
with good record

	M	P
	74	73
	73	59
	31	19
	34	

Program
"heat-welder" – Hefner
"two days work for two money"
"Builders don't think about it any more"

in office at 7:10 a.m.
called Edings

at foreman brought Hand to office
where they were home about

reported to work 6:55 a.m.
Manager came to office about 10 a.m. to talk with

11 p.m. – report turned in to sheriff
docket time

Parker discharged from hospital morning of Hilton test

601-425-5413

Mrs. Calvin R. Parker Sr. Myrick Lane
Jones County — north of Laurel
Bryan Woods Road
"don't mess with strangers"

"will never build another ship"

Olivia Bryant
supervisor of
Walker Shipyard

drinks some — keeps bottle in
fights with wife car, cured ones

Hilton find from letter?

Parker — mommy's boy — does not drink
nervous, shy,
easily influenced by Hilton

Olivia is married to one cousin of shipyard
owner as lawyer to shipyard

friends of Betty Hill came down to Miss.
to talk with Hilton, didn't get to talk
to him (may have been associated with Fort
Pickens)

Parker started crying at sheriff's office

Hilyer removed to get statement on Garrett shoot, tells it happened

Van Payne – reporter

called after 5 pm EST

interviewed about 12 noon

Lowe back to sheriff office at 10 am 9/9, Det 12

wanted info

maybe local paper – Miss. Press in Bay

Hilyer lives outside Pas – Gautier

site is area of Rt. 90 bridge, which is heavily traveled

one other witness

Ed West

age — talked with removing office lines in Gulfport

works for phone depot in J

Uncle Charles – "seen things like that before."

~~explained~~ "initially quite a bit"

may have fired for drinking

COI

F-1

Sutton Hayward

industrial relations

PR → Jerry Saint "Bay"

personnel office

nature interview given to
copy of interview? Deleted
held at Paragould Hospital

sketches
photos of site — was anybody actually visited site?
history of men — would really go
on picnic at Marys and could spy out
with boys no problem
drinking? drugs? no evidence of problem with drinking

What did Kessler say? any written report — NO
test given by request of Jackson sheriff
did Hinfon and Parker take a drink after sighting?
possibly took drink at sheriff's office

who is lawyer Joseph R. Colings
Paragould 501-762-8021

was Durand friend of witnesses? apparently not
sheriff's office is in Pas.
Pri- 2 mos - in hospital "nervous breakdown"
is kid out of hospital? Jones County Hospital
released day of a day after Laurel, Miss.
polygraph Parker take that?
was recording made for Deleter?
Dr. Alexander

are men still employed at Walker Playground?
what are their positions at playground? annual grand mean Tilton
not part of Tilton

Hinfon - supervisor

where is site related to town and witnesses' homes?

did witnesses call or come to sheriff's office?

witness who would've called police with info

police contacted by whom

witness statements, Tilton, asked for polygraph

hospital is Pas county not Penn state

Jim Pryor Pho. 601-762-0561

Hill story in Enquirer just before case occurred

Hilton was financial problem
involved in bankruptcy proceedings few
months before papers Harrison County
filed in Ken Martin lawyer

~~toll~~ TPR toll operator
highway toll operator } overlook site

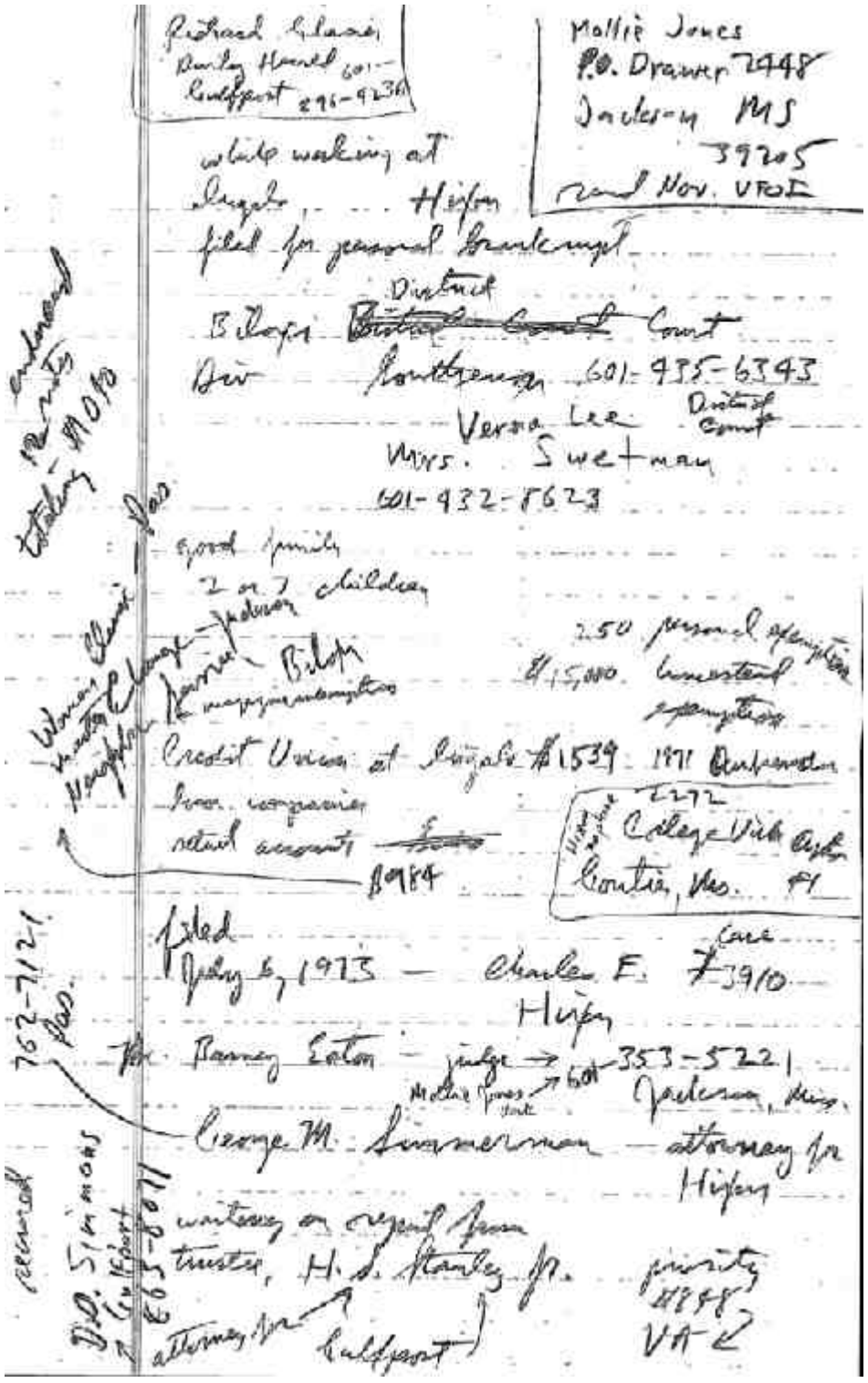
Hilton —
site is ~~view~~ security system covered
by TV cameras (parking lot - at ring)
entrance framed
Pandier — ~~Hospital~~ hospital for nervous
conditions on day lie detector
test was scheduled old school
Invites owner of Pandelton to friend
~~owner~~ of Odinga

test held in Odinga's office - Oct. 30
Anderson Detective Barney Heathis was in
next office
Odinga + Hilton only ones in room
~~Hilton~~ 3 hours long - afternoon

Odinga said no test of Parker was
necessary

Hilton General Manager
Jones County Park
Jones exp

Parkers is Mercantile bonus Hilton. Hilton left Parker
telling wife how when we came down to Pascagoula
wanted GA could find a place to live



Richard Glasse
Burley Haven 601-
Gulfport 896-9236

Mollie Jones
P.O. Drawer 2448
Jackson MS
39205
rec'd Nov. VTOL

while working at
Slagle, ... Hiefer
filed for personal bankruptcy

District
Biloxi ~~District Court~~ Court
Dir Montgomery 601-435-6343

Versa Lee
Mrs. Swetman
601-432-8623

good family
2 or 3 children

250 personal exemption
$15,000 homestead
exemption

Credit Union at Slagle #1539 1971 Rambler
Ins. company
refund amount ~~$~~ $984

2272
College Park Apts
Gautier, Miss. #1

filed
July 6, 1973 — Charles E. Hiefer — case #3910

Hon. Barney Eaton — judge → Gulfport 863-3221
Mollie Jones ↑ Pascagoula, Miss.
George M. Zimmerman — attorney for Hiefer

witness or regard from
trustee, H. L. Stanley Jr.
attorney for Gulfport

priority
VA

Dis. Simmons
Gulfport
863-5011

762-7121
pad.

returned

Larry Holand exec
Miss. Press

762-7111

former employees
18,000 employed in yard
5% to per month turnover

welder — Hinton — left 20 Nov. 72 } Ingalls Shipbuilding
welder — Parker — left sooner }

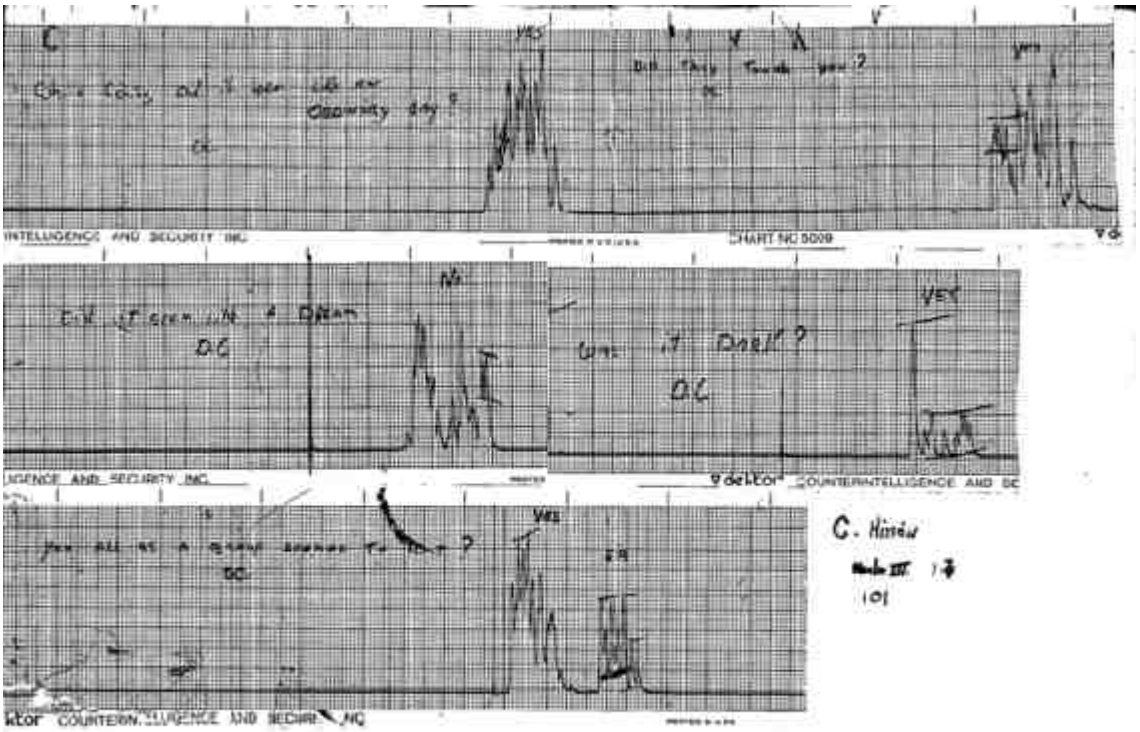
200 yards from bridge to site
west shore, south of highway

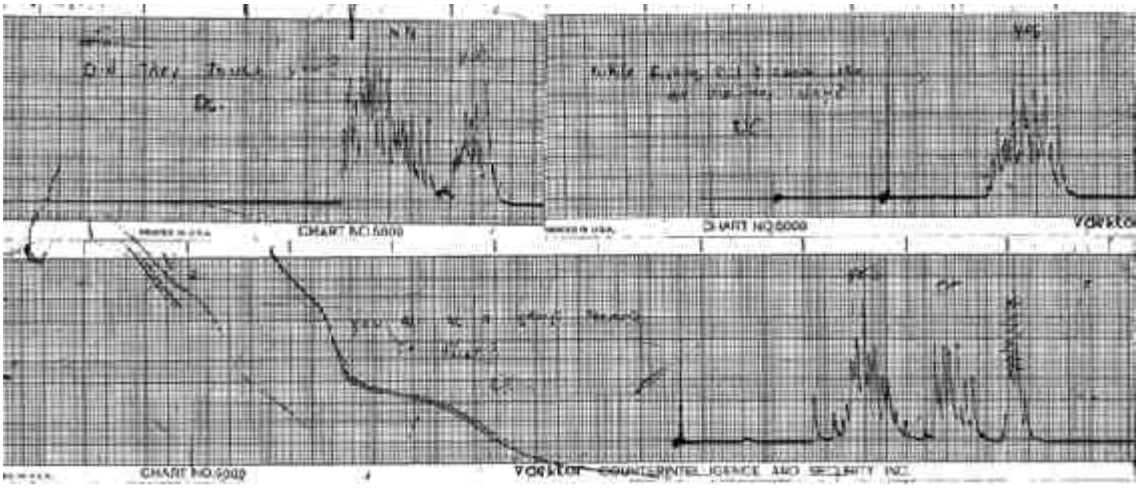
~~down~~ boatyard
pier extends 10 feet at most from bank

Litton yard south of site
TV cameras shown parking lot

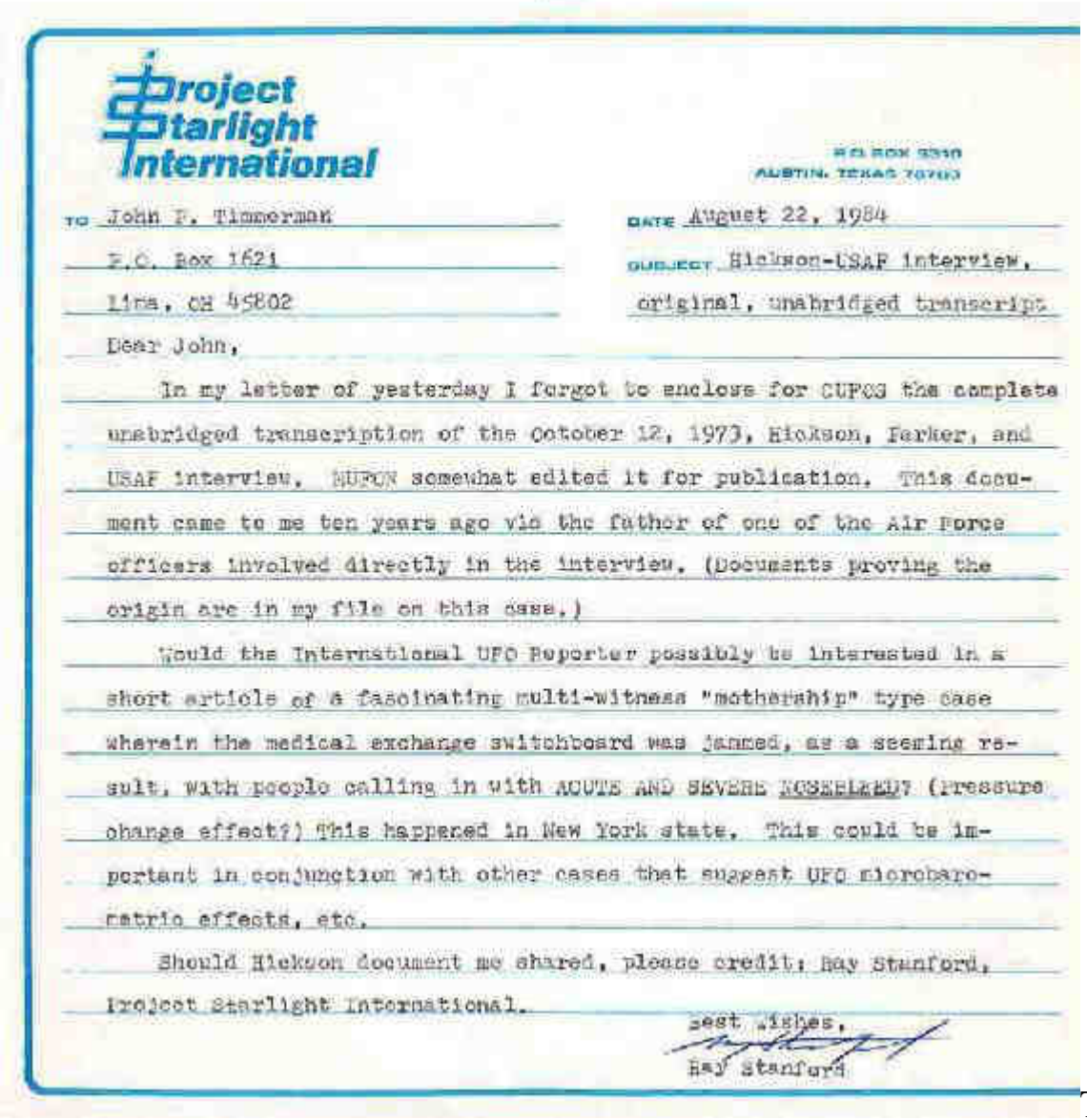
~~gate~~ Bridge attendant has both
sets half way between bridge and RR tracks

Ingalls Shipbuilding
P.O. Box 149
Pascagoula MS
39567





I have previously passed a polygraph test the results of which were lost in hurricane Katrina. I am therefore more than willing to take another one should it be required From the CUFOS case file



Project Starlight International

P.O. BOX 9310
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78703

TO John P. Timmerman
P.O. Box 1621
Lima, OH 45802

DATE August 22, 1984

SUBJECT Hickson-USAF interview, original, unabridged transcript

Dear John,

In my letter of yesterday I forgot to enclose for CUFOS the complete unabridged transcription of the October 12, 1973, Hickson, Parker, and USAF interview. MUFON somewhat edited it for publication. This document came to me ten years ago via the father of one of the Air Force officers involved directly in the interview. (Documents proving the origin are in my file on this case.)

Would the International UFO Reporter possibly be interested in a short article of a fascinating multi-witness "motherships" type case wherein the medical exchange switchboard was jammed, as a seeming result, with people calling in with ACUTE AND SEVERE [illegible]? (pressure change effect?) This happened in New York state. This could be important in conjunction with other cases that suggest UFO microbarometric effects, etc.

Should Hickson document me shared, please credit: Ray Stanford, Project Starlight International.

best wishes,

Ray Stanford

The full transcript of our interview at Keesler AFB as mentioned in this letter is featured elsewhere in this book The close encounter location on the Pascagoula River in 2018

Bottom left there is someone with an umbrella fishing. This is the site of our encounter

This is the exact location today in 2018

As you can see the old pier is in bad shape now but i t ’s still there and it wasn ’t in much better shape back in 1973

The new bridge over the Pascagoula River. The fisherman with the umbrella is at the site of our encounter

Me

on site in 2013. I was carrying a bit more weight than I was happy with in those days

This is me in 2018. This park was not there in 1973. You can see the new bridge over the Pascagoula River behind me CHAPTER NINE

Aftermath

I was finally headed home and couldn't wait to get there, although FB Walker was, I thought a great company too work for, there was no place like home and I had made my mind up not to go back. I somehow felt like I wasn't supposed to go. They had paid me what they owed me and an extra two weeks on top. So, I will send back the extra money they paid me. I called them to get the address where to send it back but they didn't want it back so I just tore up the check they had given me. I thought that was the easiest thing to do.

This has been one of the worst times in my life and one of the scariest. Of that there is no doubt. I don't let much bother me but this was something out of my control. That's what bothered me the most, the fact that I had no

control over what had happened. It was a long ride back to Laurel, Mississippi although it took less time to get there than it normally did.

Upon arrival in Laurel I went to my father's house but he wasn't home, so, after taking a shower and changing my clothes, I left to go and see my fiancé. Our original plans were to get married in November but now I didn't know if this was going to happen or not, she was just sixteen years old and her mom and dad had to sign for her to get married. I am sure that now they would think I am a nut case of some sort. So when driving over there I was thinking how it doesn't take but a few minutes to change your whole life and sometimes it's not for the best. When I got to her house there was someone there from the Laurel Leader, a local newspaper, just sat there waiting for me to turn up. I still hadn't given an interview to none of the press, Charlie had but not me. I remember just before I left the coast someone from the Mississippi Press came up to me and took my photograph so I put my finger in his face told him to get the hell away. It was that photograph of me that was plastered all over the place. I had on a white t-shirt and I was pointing my finger at the photographer. There was just no way to win, when the press get on a quest, they never give up. I was thinking to myself that I probably needed to give an interview so it would all be over and everyone would just forget about it and leave me alone. As long as Charlie is alive they won't forget as he gives every interview whenever he can. I guess some people just like that kind of stuff. I asked the reporter to give me his card and I promised that I would call him in a few days. I wanted to give this interview because this was where I lived and I wanted everyone to know that I was okay. Finally I managed to see my fiancé Waynett. She was crying and I was thinking how nice it was to be home where it was safe. Then how good it was to hold Waynett, someone that I loved and trusted and I asked her how she had found out about what had happened to me and Charlie, she said my dad had told her and it was all over the news . My thoughts were how everyone had reacted when they heard about us, so I asked her what her family thought about it all. Her dad was working for the ***Ingles*** shipyard at the time, so he knew what was going on . Waynette told me that they weren't saying much about it to her at all so she wasn't sure what they made of it. Her dad said it must have been something serious because Dr. Hynek flew down and he had at one time worked on Project Blue Book for the USAF.

I picked Waynett up at around 10:00am. We just drove around and went to see some friends and family. None of them asked me what had happened. The reason why they didn't want to know upset me a little because the media said I wasn't handling the abduction very well. They figured I would open up and talk later. I got to see my dad and he just asked me how I was. It was really strange because no one talked about our UFO encounter.

I told Waynett that I was not going back to the coast and that I was going to take off for a couple of days and that I was going to look for a job which made her very happy. I was starting to think that things were getting back to normal. Then we turned on the TV and Charlie was on Channel 7, he was then in Hattsburg, Mississippi, a little town about thirty miles from Laurel and Sandersville. This really pissed me off as Charlie had said that he didn't want any publicity either. I was starting to wonder if he might be the one that broke the story to the media in the first place. I drove to Sandersville to look for Charlie but he had already left and was going back home to the coast.

Getting back to more important things, I figured that the publicity would wear off in a few days and everyone would forget about it. I took Waynett home at about 10.00pm that night, wished her good night and told her that I would see her in a couple days and that I was going to look for a job tomorrow. Still no one asked me anything about what had happened on October 11th on the Pascagoula River. Why no one did, I can't say.

The next morning I got up at around 4:00am, got dressed and drove to what was called John's Restaurant & Bar. This was where everyone in the oil-field met up to go and come from work. (That was where a person could find a job in the oil-field industry) Laurel is a small town and everyone knows everyone else. My father and all his brothers worked in the oil-field industry, so everyone knew me and I knew to bring my work clothes and boots. I really was just that simple. I sat down and ordered breakfast but before I'd got to eat it someone hollared out that they needed a hand today. So I got up and left with them and that was my first day with Exarter Drilling. It was five in a crew and we had a one hour drive to work. I knew everyone in the car and no one ever said anything about what had happened and nor did I. That was just the way it was back then.

We worked seven days a week, eight hours a day and if someone wanted a day off you could work their shift. I tried to work over-time for at least five days a week because of the money and our pending marriage in a month's time. When you are young and enjoy what you do it's fun to make extra money. I was doing well working as it took my mind off the UFO encounter. Then one day WDAM Channel Seven showed up on the job wanting an interview. I don't know how they found out where I was but someone had to have told them. I was busy working and they wouldn't take no for an answer. My boss told me to get rid of them or he would get rid of me. So I asked them to leave but they just kept on trying to get an interview. Finally I talked them into leaving. I telephoned the TV station manager but he said they were just doing their job. I told him to leave me alone and back-off and that I knew they have a job to do but I didn't ask for this to happen to me and I just wanted to be left alone to get on with my life. By this time in my life the pressure was building up and it was getting to a stage where it was more than I could stand. This is when I started thinking of the beings from the UFO as being demons of some kind. I didn't really believe this, it was just the pressure building up, but someone later on in life reported this and ran with it. For the record, I do not think these being were demons.

But as they were not demons then they were possibly extraterrestrial. I knew it wasn't a demonic experience but in my mind I thought if I said it was demonic then maybe I could scare these reporters and they would leave me alone. By now I figured out that I would just have to get used to the press hounding me and live with it for a while longer. Hoping that Sooner or later they would go away and leave me in peace. But then I got to thinking it's because the USA or maybe the world has been invaded, which if true, then I don't blame people for wanting to know what had happened. This made me decide that I would back off the press a little and start giving interviews every now and then. After all I would want to know about this had it happened to someone else. I had just rather them find out from someone else and not me, but apart from Charlie I was the only other one the press could look to for an interview. After getting off work that day we were informed that they were going to move the rig so we would be off work for a couple weeks .

After getting home from work I was told that Charlie had been calling me, so I called him back. He wanted to know if I would go on the Michael Douglas talk show with him, he said everyone was asking about me. I told him I would do the interview but that I had no idea who Michal Douglas was, but maybe this would satisfy everyone and then leave me alone. Charlie called the TV show and got me a plane ticket to Chicago. I met Charlie at the airport in Jackson, Mississippi. We said our 'hello's' and talked casually about everything but the UFO encounter. It was about four hours on the plane and we still didn't talk about the abduction. The plane landed and when we got there, there was someone holding a sign with our names on. We followed this guy out to the limousine and he took us to the Palmar House Motel, informing us that he would be down stairs in the lobby in the morning at 9:00 am to collect us. We were informed that an account was set up for us to and that we simply had to inform the motel who we were and the TV company would take care of the bill. Charlie finally broke the silence and asked me if I was hungry. I told him I wasn't but that I would go down to the restaurant with him and he ordered a steak. While waiting for Charlie's steak to arrive I asked him why he wanted all this publicity but he never told me why. He ate his dinner and we went back to our room and he turned on the TV. I went to bed as I was really tired. Surprisingly I slept really well that night, never had I slept on a mattress that comfortable in my life before. We woke up around 3:00am in the morning, took our showers, went down to eat breakfast where I ordered biscuit and gravy but they said we don't have it, so I reordered a BLT, they said we don't have that either. So I ordered some cheese grits but they said "what's that". It was at this point that I knew then they didn't have any real food (smiles). I asked them just bring me some coffee and when they did it was too weak to drink. Charlie just laughed at me. He then asked me not to say anything I didn't want to during the interview and I told him I wouldn't. We met the driver in the lobby and he escorted us to the limousine. He drove us across the road, got out, opened the door and said we're here. I was thinking, why didn't we just walk across the street, but we were there. I took a deep breath and thought to myself that once we do this it will be all over. In we went and we were taken to the makeup room, I told them they weren't putting that stuff on me, but I was told that they had to or your face would shine on the camera .

I told them I wasn't going around looking like a drag queen. Anyway, they put makeup on Charlie and took us to what they called the green room. The only problem I noticed with this was that the room was blue? I was thinking that these people are nuts, but I went along with it. We were sitting in the green room and they called us to go on to the set. Michael Douglas introduced us and Charlie started to tell them what happened and really both our stories then he asked me a few questions. I remember getting really weak to my stomach I don't even watch TV much less want to be on it. I don't remember what he asked me but I tried to answer them the best I could. After the show was over I walked across the road to the motel and Charlie rode in the limousine but I beat him there by about twenty minutes. Our plane was leaving in about two hours so we packed our clothes and Charlie called the driver to take us back to the airport. When we got there Charlie said you are going to have to start getting out more. I just looked at him and said your lipstick is kinda smeared. He laughed at this. As we flew home Charlie asked how I was handling things. I told him I was finding it difficult as the media simply would not leave me alone. After getting back home I ploughed the garden in order to plant our winter vegetables. I thought about the trip and figured that I was lucky to be born in the South. There was no place like home. This is where I felt safe.

****** CHAPTER TEN

Breakdown

Here it is getting close to me getting married. The wedding was going to take place on November 9th, 1973, just one month after the abduction. I am back living in Laurel, Mississippi now I'm back home. I must admit that I am having a hard time coping with everything that is happening. I used to have a private life but now everyone knows my business. Everyone knows and I don't like anyone sticking their noise in my business. But here lately my business seems to be everyone's. Before the UFO encounter I was left alone to mine my own business, but that has all changed now.

I can't even go to the store without everyone asking me a lot of questions. I understand the curiosity but I just feel like I need some time to let it sink in then it would be alright. I would be able to handle it all. It was all just becoming too much for me. After getting off work one night I took a

shower and laid down. Then, for some reason, I don't know why, I started shaking uncontrollably and couldn't stop. I lay there for about an hour and the shaking just got worse. Never have I experienced anything like this before or since. My brother was asleep in the other room, he was the only one at home that evening. He must have heard me as for some reason he got up at around 11:30pm and came to check on me. I was thinking that I might have got a virus from the abduction. I did not relate this shaking to stress because the media was leaving me alone at the time. Seeing me shaking really scared my brother so he loaded me up into the car and took me to the ER at the hospital in Laurel (South Regional). On the way there the shaking was just getting worse. My brother dropped me off at the door, got out of the car with me and called for someone to come and get me. I couldn't even walk very well by this time.

A couple of nurse's came out with a wheelchair and rolled me inside and began asking the usual questions about who I was, what was wrong, have I been drinking, what meds I was on and a few more questions after which they just rolled me into a corner and left me instead of taking me back to a room. I looked around the ER and there wasn't more than two or three people in there. About an hour passed by and I still had no help. To me I seemed to be getting worse instead of better. Now I was freezing and shaking and I couldn't talk very well either. So, my brother went to the window and asked them how much longer it would be . They told him they would get to me when they got to me. That really pissed me off so I told him to go home but he refused. I asked my brother to go out to the car see to see if could find my jacket as I was freezing. I knew I was going to raise hell but I didn't want him to get into trouble because of me.

When he walked out of the door I got up and I was hell-fire angry at the way I was being treated. I stood up and threw the wheelchair against the desk where it would get their attention. It didn't take but a minute when the hospital security officers had me down on the floor and in restraints. Then some doctor showed up and asked what was going on. They told him I was out of control so he checked me out and gave me some kind of shot that settled me down a little. I told the doctor what had happened and how I had been there over two hours with no one helping me. I heard the doctor, he walked out and chewed them out and said that I was in seriously bad shape

and that they should never make anyone wait any more when in that kind of state. My blood pressure was 205/105 my heart rate was 160 bpm (beats-per-minute). The doctor ordered an E.C.G. He gave me a couple of shots, asked me a few questions such as have I been under any stress lately. So I answered as honest as I could . Finally all my vitals got back to normal and I quit shaking. The doctor said I was going to kept in hospital for a day or two just to be on the safe side. I told him I had to go to work so I couldn't stay and that if I had any problems I would come back.

The doctor informed me that it was not a good idea and that I had an emotional breakdown and if I didn't get treatment it would just get worse. He recommended a doctor that I should see, gave me a prescription and told me to go the doctor tomorrow .When I walked out the door I threw this in the trash and thought I would just deal with it myself.

In hindsight I now know how wrong I was and that I should have done what the doctor told me to do. The doctor said that stress would trigger my emotions and that it could all get completely out of control. The E.C.G. was normal but I had to control the stress. My brother drove me home and by the time we arrived back my family were there. I told my brother not to mention to anyone what had happened. But of course my brother didn't listen to me and told everyone what had happened. He told my mom and dad what happened and what the doctor had advised. They just agreed with what the doctor had said and that I had to find a way to try and cope with the stress. I knew right then and there I would have to control the stress because if I didn't I could end up back in the hospital.

My family told Waynett about my trip to the hospital and she tried every way she could to help relieve the stress. Sometimes just sitting down and talking helped. Waynett and I have always been able to talk about everything then and now. If we have a problem we talk about it no matter how bad it is and we are honest with each other and that helps both of us and not just me. We have no secrets from each other and it's really good to have a relationship like that as some time it's hard to be honest. We always tell the truth and there is nothing we can't talk about. Well, after this episode at the hospital I sat her down and told her my feelings about everything and she did the same. This started our marriage off on the right

track because if we hadn't have talked about all of this then our marriage would have never made it.

Somehow we got over the breakdown illness and I just accepted it for what it was I still didn't know why me. I'm still trying to figure it out in 2018 but God, has a plan for everything and I no longer question it.

As planned we got married on November 9th, 1973. We just had family and a few friends in a small church wedding. Her grandparents had a big house in Laurel, close to where I had to go to work the next day, so we could sleep there. It was vacant so we stayed the night there on our honeymoon. It was a great night, our first night together. I told her we would take a honeymoon later. Well, later hasn't made it yet so one day we plan to do it, it's just been four or five years that's all.

I decided to sit most of the family down and tell them about the abduction and how it had affected me. So the next day after work my parents and Waynett's all met at our house for dinner. This is when I told them the story about what happened to Charlie and me and about the nervous breakdown I'd almost had and my trip to the hospital. Our families didn't say too much in response as they knew I'd been through enough, but at least now they knew and that was a weight off my shoulders.

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

Other witnesses?

Although no one came forward directly to me and Charlie after our experience was plastered all over the press, but surely there could well have been other witnesses to the event back in 1973. I'm not very knowledgeable about the UFO subject but I have learnt that apparently 1973 was a big year for UFO sightings in the USA.

Charles Hickson and his co-author William Mendez did detail one witness to a UFO sighting on the same day as our experience. He was Larry Booth. This was published in their book '***UFO CONTACT AT PASCAGOULA***' and I have the publisher's permission to reproduce it here.

Added to this my publisher Philip Mantle, who is also a UFO researcher in the UK, had an incident reported to him which again happened the day before our event. I have Philip's permission to reproduce this sighting here. Last but not least there is the testimony of a retired US Navy officer who witnessed something on the same night as we did on October 11th, 1973.

THE BOOTH SI HTIN Pascagoula, October 11th, 1973

The Pascagoula abduction was not the only UFO incident reported to have occurred on the evening of October 11, 1973. One of the most impressive sightings was made by Larry Booth, a Pascagoula service station proprietor. Mr. Booth, 48 and a World War II 'Air Corps' veteran, was interviewed in August 1974, at his home in Pascagoula. The following is an edited transcription of that taped interview.

Larry Booth:

Well, what happened, I was watching Kung Fu, which comes on TV at 8.00 P.M…..course when the program was over (9.00 P.M.) - just a habit - check the front door before you can go to bed when I turned all the lights off I just walked over to the door to turn the outside light off….I just happened to glance out the front door through this long glass (window) at the top of the door. That's when I saw this big object which; I'd say - five to eight feet above the telephone pole out there, above the street light.

The object was standing still, it wasn't moving at all when I saw it. But all the lights around the outside of it were turning - clockwise motion. And they were all red, no green, no other colours; all red - but no wings or no offset - no outer shape or nothin', just a huge object. Just to say how big it was, I don't know, but I would say it was larger than the props on a helicopter, you know how big helicopters are with the large props? I would say it was bigger around than that.

The main thing you could see were the lights all the way around it, a lot of them, close together and they seemed to be circling - I would say, slower than an ambulance light turns….about half that fast. But as the object got further off, naturally, I could only see the rear end of it and it looked - say, you'd see eight or ten (lights) and it decreased to six. Then, when it got way

on out - instead of being' right here, when you look up at a large object - lights all way around It - you can see 'em on both sides. So what caught my eye was just to look up, I couldn't hear a sound. A helicopter would've jarred everybody in here out of the house and if it had been an airplane, it'd fall, 'cause I was in the Air Corps - and they have to be travellin' at a certain speed even to stay in the air.

So, I started to go back and call my wife - just about the time I went to move, well, it started to move off in a slow motion, real slow, right over the pine tree. So I got over to the edge of the door and watched it 'till it went plum out of sight. And as it got off out away - more in the dark I would say, it seemed to me - a dome shape of some sort, you couldn't tell. It reminded me sort of - you see these pickups, campers, with a little dome on top of it so the light can get inside of it. Well that's what it looked like; it looked like the light was sort of reflected up from the inside. Those lights and the turning of it and that on top was all the shape you could really tell. But you could tell it was round and - I thought nothing of it. It didn't bother me at all, really. I said, 'I've see a strange object.' I said, 'Well, Keesler or Pensacola they always - helicopters and ferryin' and doin' all that back and forth - and I said, They're running some kind of experiment through here, see.

So, I wake up the next mornin' and I started to work. Well, I always listened to the news, five minutes to seven news, out of Biloxi. And here comes this about what happened out here on the road (the abduction).

So I began to time the television program, the time - what time I saw it and the directions that he said it went. And the way that it took off and the way the people of Pinecrest televisions acted up and the way that the people of Pinecrest said they saw it, different ones - and everything that happened in this direct path that's when I like to swallow my tongue! I got worried then, about what it was.

Course, I've been questioned - friends and everything some have come up and just read about it and said, "Well, I know Larry, I been knowin' him for years, I know he's not tellin' a tale." Well, I'm not tellin' any kind of tale, I don't know what it was; I don't have any idea what it was. But there are two things I figure; that it wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a helicopter.

Yet another witness to a UFO event was reported to UFO researcher Philip Mantle in 2017.

The day before the Pascagoula encounter

I (Philip Mantle) received from Evan (full name on file) who responded to my interview On Open Minds radio in 2017. This is what Evan had to say.

"I listened to your interview on Open Minds (radio) recently. I was 12 years old when the Hickson/Parker abduction took place. There was a UFO flap on the Mississippi coast at the time. Several stories were reported in the local newspapers before the Pascagoula event. I lived on a farm in Stone County with my parents. Stone is diagonally adjacent to Jackson County where Pascagoula is located. About an hour before the Hickson/Parker event took place a UFO flew over our farm. If you can imagine a sodium vapour street lamp silently and slowly floating overhead then you get the idea. My dad happened to be outside and screamed for us to come outside fast. We watched it until it was almost out of sight then it shrank to a red dot and darted south like it was shot out of a rifle. Although it was about the color of a street light, it was not at all harsh and didn't cause spots before my eyes. The next day the Pascagoula story was in the news. For 2 or 3 weeks this thing flew a similar route near the farm but never as close as that first night and I never observed it turn red again. It was always before 8pm. On several occasions it travelled below the tree-line. You could see it pass behind individual tree trunks. I'm surprised MUFON in Mississippi didn't know about this. Makes me wonder what else they don't know.

I've fished at the spot where this happened. It is near Ingall' ***s*** shipyard and Highway 90. At the time there was a shipyard security camera pointed in the general direction of where the UFO should have been. It was later reported that nothing unusual was observed on the camera footage at the time of the event. One reason the story never caught on in my opinion is that Mississippi is at the bottom rung of the socio-economic ladder. We are in 50th place. A lot of people joked about Hickson and Parker as a couple of drunken illiterate slack-jawed yokels with overactive imaginations. They weren't intellectuals but they certainly deserved better treatment than that. I'm definitely getting the book. I've always been disappointed it wasn't acknowledged as one of the significant abduction stories." Evan.

The third UFO witness that I would like to details here is Former US Navy officer Mike Cataldo. Here is what Mr. Cataldo reported.

Mike Cataldo, US Navy retired Pascagoula 11th October 1973

Mike Cataldo, now long retired from the Navy, served in 1973 as a chief petty officer in Mississippi. Like most of the country, he was familiar with the Hickson-Parker report and never met or spoke with either man, but for all the years that followed he shared with friends and family another side to the story, something of vital significance that he finally decided to impart publicly late last year. He tried to locate a reporter in Pascagoula who wrote the original UFO story and eventually was put in touch with Natalie Chambers of the Associated Press.

Natalie Chambers' interview with Cataldo appeared in *The Northeast Mississippi*

Daily Journal of October 21 2001, but it failed to make the coast-to-coast splash it should have, though even famed radio commentator Paul Harvey realized Cataldo's importance and devoted part of his Saturday, October 27 national broadcast to Natalie Chambers' shocker.

"When Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker told the world in 1973 they were abducted by aliens while fishing on the Pascagoula River, few believed them," her article began. "Now, after 28 years, it appears they weren't alone in their experience on that October 11th night." Indeed, at about the same time and in the same area as the UFO incident, Cataldo and fellow crew mates Ted Peralta and Mack Hanna were driving on U.S. 90, heading to Ocean Springs. Cataldo was in the back seat.

"We saw a very strange object in the horizon going from northeast across Highway 90," Cataldo recalled. "It was going pretty fast. It went down into a wood area and into the marsh. It hovered over the tree line for maybe a minute. We actually pulled off the road and watched it. We said, 'My God, what is that?'" Cataldo said the thing looked like a large tambourine with little lights flashing on it. "As quickly as we saw it, it just vanished." Some daylight still remained as dusk approached, so the men got a good look at the object. But Cataldo tells of a second sighting minutes later, this time in

St. Andrews, as he neared his home. "It wasn't as high up as we saw the first time. It was real."

Almost hyperventilating when he ran inside to tell his wife, Cataldo knew he had to tell Navy officials. As a member of the pre-commissioning crew of the *USS Tunney*, under construction at Ingalls Shipyard, he reported for work the next morning and immediately contacted his executive officer to make a statement. After the weekend, he contacted Keesler AFB in Biloxi and left his phone number. However, if Cataldo expected tea and sympathy, he was mistaken. "My executive officer and crew members thought we were just lunatics, just whacked out," he told Chambers. "It never came up again. Keesler never called or did anything."

UFO researcher Kenny Young *(Author's April, 2007 notation to this 2002 article: Mr. Young is now deceased)* also contacted Cataldo following Natalie Chambers' article, also attempting - so far unsuccessfully - to locate his two fellow Navy witnesses. Cataldo provided a few more details of the object, perhaps the most intriguing being that it "was less than half a mile away and looked as big as any big American airliner I've ever seen." He also confirmed that other motorists had slowed down to look at the seemingly inexplicable sky object. "We were the only ones on the road to stop and look at it though," he advised.

Importantly, Cataldo admitted, "I never knew of the Hickson-Parker abduction until days later. It happened on Thursday and it was not until the following Sunday that I saw the headline in the morning paper about two men taken aboard a flying saucer, I'm telling you I about died." He emphasizes that he can't be absolutely sure that his UFO and the fishermen's were the same, but the place and time were so close that the relationship must surely be taken seriously.

A fourth sighting that I would like to add in this chapter happened just a few miles away and just four days before our encounter. What is peculiar is the object sighted this time was underwater and was witnessed by civilians and the Coast Guard. I would like to thank UFO researcher Paul Dean for supplying this information and the official documents from the Pascagoula Coast Guard.

PASCA OULA USO Unidentified Submersible Ob ect

Tuesday th November, 1973, 9.30 pm. Round Island, Pascagoula River

Two local fishermen reported in person to the Coast Guard that they were fishing approximately 3 miles south of Pascagoula when they encountered a bizarre illuminated object which was 4-6 feet under the water and was estimated to be moving at around 6 knots. The two fishermen tried to figure out what this under water object was but could not fathom it out. At one point they tried to hit the object with their oars but the object would move out of the way. At 9.40 pm the Coast Guard at Pascagoula despatched a boat with two Cost Guard men aboard to investigate this sighting.

The object in question was located by the Coast Guard. They described the object as having an amber light that was approximately 4-6 feet in diameter which was attached to a metallic object moving at 4-6 knots. At one point the object ceased its illumination, changed course and then lit up again. This object moved around in different directions while still giving off this amber illumination. The Coast Guard men could not identify this object. Eventually the illumination ceased and after about 20 minutes and then the Coast Guard vessel returned back to the Pascagoula Station at about 10.30 pm.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL COASTAL SYSTEMS LABORATORY
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32401

IN REPLY REFER TO
Code 117.1

08 JAN 1976

Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Mr. Todd:

Your request for information from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, under the Freedom of Information Act, for documents relating to an investigation in November 1973 of events occurring in the Pascagoula River, has been forwarded to this Command for action.

Enclosed is a reproduced copy of the Pascagoula incident report as documented by Naval Coastal Systems Laboratory personnel involved in the subject investigation. Enclosures (2), (3), and (4) to the report, two articles from Mobile Press dated 9 November 1973, and two messages from Coast Guard Station Pascagoula to Commander Coast Guard Group Mobile, respectively, are included.

The material is minus enclosures (1) and (5). The memorandum with all enclosures was transmitted to the U. S. Coast Guard in Mobile, Alabama. If you desire more information about enclosures (1) and (5), you should write to:

Marine Environmental Protection
Port Security - Law Enforcement
U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
P. O. Box 1798
Mobile, AL 36601

The delay in answering your request is the result of this Laboratory's being in a reduced operations status from December 24 through January 2.

Sincerely,

R. T. QUINN
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

NAVAL SHIP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32407

12 November 1973

From: E. A. Wilbanks (7208), LCDR C. E. Dorman (7703)
To: Record, Distribution

Subj: Pascagoula "Unidentified Submerged Object"; report of trip concerning

Encl: (1) Cassette tape of interview with persons sighting object
(2) Two articles from Mobile Press, dtd 9 Nov 73
(3) COGARD STA PASCAGOULA 070615Z NOV 73
(4) COGARD STA PASCAGOULA 081815Z NOV 73
(5) Photograph of Principals

1. In response to verbal orders from Executive Officer, we departed Panama City at 0905, 9 Nov 73, on board NA 473. Purpose of trip was to informally investigate nature of USO sighted night of 6 Nov 73, in order to obtain background data for comparison with possible future sightings. Upon arrival Mobile, Alabama, we were met by LTJG M. J. DONOHOE, Coast Guard Group Mobile Port Security Officer (and Public Information Officer). LTJG DONOHOE drove us to the CG Station Pascagoula, outlining the general train of events along the way. Arrival Pascagoula approximately 1140. Four civilian personnel and two CG enlisted who had seen the object were at the station, and we commenced to interview them. Three additional civilian personnel who had sighted the object arrived approximately one hour later and were also interviewed. The majority of the interview, conducted informally in the CG Station mess hall, is in Enclosure (1). Enclosures (2) through (4) are newspaper articles and official releases concerning the event. Enclosure (5) is a photograph of participants. Upon completion of the interview, a short release to Mobile, Alabama Channel 10 news personnel (Bennie BRADNER and one cameraman) was made. LTJG DONOHOE drove us back to Mobile, and we returned to Panama City on board NA 32.

2. Principals:

NATIONS, Lawrence A., BM2, USCG
CHEWS, Charles, BM3, USCG
RYAN, Rayme, fisherman, age 42; 2115 Briggs, Pascagoula
RYAN, Larry, son of Rayne Ryan; age approximately 17
RYAN, Raymond, fisherman, age 42 (twin brother of Rayne), 1403 Lawson Ave, Pascagoula
RYAN, Earl, son of Raymond Ryan, age approximately 16
RICE, Fred N. Jr., fisherman, 2202 Briggs, Pascagoula, age 35
RICE, Edward, age 48, fisherman, 265 Dupoint St, Lewis Trailer Park, Pascagoula
RICE, Velma, sister of Fred N. Rice, age 37
(Also mentioned in Enclosure (4) as witness to sighting, but not present at interview, was Eddie Rice, age 15)

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3. General Sequence of Events: On the evening of 6 Nov 73, the RYAN's and RICE's, and 4 skiffs (and associated 'kicker' boats) were mullet fishing in the mud/oyster bed flat area to the SW of Pascagoula, Miss. (approximately 88-36W, 30-20N and surrounding 4 sq mile area). Sky was clear, little moon, slick calm with intermittent breeze from N; high tide (+1 approx 2200). First person to spot object was Rayme RYAN : object was stationary, in the water, near his anchored skiff. Water depth in area approx 4-6'. RYAN attempted to strike object with an oar; object dimmed, and would reilluminate when left alone. He summoned his brother and later the RICE's to the scene. When disturbed, object would dim, move, and reilluminate. After approximately 30 minutes, Rayme RYAN struck at object with intent to 'kill' or 'destroy' it. Object disappeared. All boats resumed fishing, after attempts to relocate object were unsuccessful. This first sighting occurred approximately 2000; no fish had been caught by any boat up to that time. Approximately 30-40 minutes later, Rayme RYAN had set and was retrieving his net approx 1/2 mile to the SW of the initial sighting. As he came back to his buoy, he again noticed the object, stationary, near his buoy. He again summoned the others (RYAN caught approx 400# of mullet in this set; those were the only fish caught during the night). They decided not to disturb it, and summoned the Coast Guard. NATIONS and CREWS arrived in a 16' BW at approx 2140. They essentially repeated the earlier attempts to deal with the object, namely striking at it with an oar. The object again dimmed and/or moved (at 4-6 knots), and after 10-15 minutes extinguished and could not be relocated. CG personnel returned to station, and fishermen resumed normal activity.

4. Characteristics of object and area:

1. Area of sighting is old oyster bed (mud/shell bottom). Land area to North is uninhabited marsh. Object travelled in SW direction, toward deeper water, and appeared to remain in or near a "gully" on the seafloor. (not on chart, but known to fishermen who have fished area for over 30 years).

2. Typical fish catch in area is approximately oneton/boat/night (verified by buyers' tickets); catch on night of 6-7 Nov was 400# for all four boats (about 2.5 hours of fishing time was lost due to object sighting).

3. Current during period of sightings was 'negligible'; object moved in various directions, though primarily to SW in relatively straight course, and at speeds up to 4-6 knots. Object did not consistently move when disturbed or passed over in boats.

4. Light from object was directed toward surface; it appeared to come from a coherent source approximately 3" diameter, with a surface intersection circular or elliptical in shape and approximately 10' X 12' in size. Color was generally described as yellowish-amber, or with a light red tint. Intensity varied from "almost too bright to look right at" to zero, depending on amount of disturbance (brightest when first approached). When seen from the side, it was described as looking like a parachute underwater.

5. Object felt metallic when struck, but could not be consistently struck. Portion of oar underwater was not visible from surface when in light beam from object. Object "turned off" when struck with beam from flashlight; when light removed, object reilluminated to previous intensity in about 1 minute.

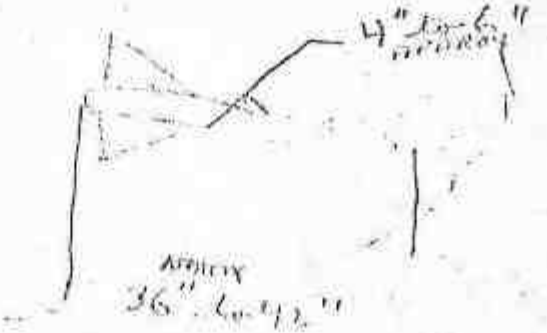
6. None of the observers had ever seen 'anything like' the object; reactions ranged from fear to curiosity. Descriptions of witnesses were generally consistent and did not appear rehearsed. Phenomena observed were not consistent with any known fish or other marine life, nor with flashlight, lantern, mavaid, or other known light source.

7. There were no other boats in the area during this period.

8. In its generalized SW travel, object appeared to stop when it encountered an anchored boat (although it was not physically against the boat or appurtenances). It would then illuminate, and remain in area until disturbed for 15 to 30 minutes.

9. No attempt was made to capture object or to take sensory measurements of it and the environment, except for the visual observations and striking with the oar.

10. CREWS claims to have seen a 'metallic' object with light source attached; his sketch:



11. Draft of skiffs and motors was 1.5' maximum; minimum water depth was 4-5'. Object was not struck when passed over.

5. Conclusions:

a. At least nine persons witnessed an undetermined light source between the hours of 1930 and 2200 on the night of 6 November 1973, at two locations separated by approximately 1/2 mile, in the vicinity of 88-38W, 39-20N.

b. The characteristics and actions of the light source are not consistent with those of known marine organisms or with an uncontrolled man-made object. The object can not be identified at this time.

c. The presence of the object was associated with a significant variation in the fish catch in the area.

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UNDERWATER METTALIC OBJECT SIGHTED IN PASCAGOULA RIVER

Two Pascagoula fishermen reported to the Coast Guard Station there Tuesday night that they observed an illuminated object in the water while fishing off Round Island at the mouth of the Pascagoula River.

The object was in 4-6 feet of water and was moving at 4-6 knots. The fishermen reportedly tried to hit the object with their paddles but it moved to another position.

Two Coast Guardsmen from the Station returned with the fishermen to investigate. They found the object and it appeared to have an amber light approximately 4-6 feet in diameter attached to a natallic looking object.

The four men reported that the object stopped illuminating, changed course and re-illuminated. While illuminated the object changed course several times.

The Coast Guard conducted a daylight search yesterday but found nothing.

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Date:

NOTE: Mention CG officers early in the release, have who, what, where, and when in the context, use short sentences, and verbal lengths of 30 seconds. For dates use names ie. Monday or Sunday the twelfth, not 12 or the position never use Lat and Long but use places ie. Slidell(not ; tidell. Is unless the newsman is from out of state) or a direction and an approximate distance ie. South of Venice ten miles. Avoid military jargon ie. 1400. After release, send to PIO.

AT 8:30 PM 6 NOV 73 TWO LOCAL FISHERMEN REPORTED IN PERSON TO CG STA PASC THAT THEY WERE FISHING APPROX 3 MI SOUTH OF PASC. THEN THEY LOCATED A STRANGE ILLUMINATED OBJECT WHICH WAS IN APPROX 4-6 FT OF WATER AND MOVING AT 4-6 KTS. THE FISHERMEN TRIED TO DETERMINE WHAT THE OBJECT WAS BUT COULD NOT. THEY TRIED TO HIT IT WITH THEIR PADDLES BUT THE OBJECT WOULD MOVE TO AN THER POSITION. THE FISHERMEN APPEARED SOBER AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE OBJECT. AT 9:40 PM CG STA PASC DISPATCHED A BOAT WITH TWO COASTGUARDMEN ON BOARD TO INVESTIGATE. THEY DID FIND THE OBJECT. IT APPEARED TO HAVE AN AMBER LIGHT APPROX 4-6 FT IN DIA ATTACHED TO SOME METALLAC OBJECT MOVING AT 4-6 KTS. OBJECT CEASED ILLUMINATING. CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT COURSE AND REILLUMINATED ITSELF. THE OBJECT TRAVELED SEVERAL COURSES WHILE ILLUMINATED. THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE OBJECT. THE LIGHT WENT OUT, THE CG BOAT REMAINED ON SCENE FOR ABOUT 20 MIN THEN 10:30 PM BOAT RETURNED TO STA.

THIS IS THE COAST GUARD RESCUE DUTY OFFICER (& ASSISTANT) REPORTING. (FOR [redacted])

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FM COGARD STA PASCAGOULA
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1. 2130S TWO LOCAL FISHERMEN REPORTED IN PERSON TO THIS UNIT THAT THEY WERE FISHING IN APPROX. POSITION 88-36W, 30-20N WHEN THEY LOCAIED A STRANGE ILLUMINATING OBJECT WHICH WAS APPROX. 4-6 FT OF WATER AND MOVING AT APPROX. 4-6 KTS. SUBJ FISHERMEN TRIED TO DETERMINE WHAT OBJECT WAS BUT COULD NOT. THEY TRIED TO HIT IT WITH PADDLES AND OBJECT WOULD GO OUT AND MOVE TO ANOTHER POSITION. SUBJ FISHERMEN APPEARED SOBER AND EXTREMLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OBJECT.
2. 2140S THIS UNIT DISPATCHED CG 163519 WITH BM2 NATIONS AND BM3 CREWS ABOARD TO INVESTIGATE. STATION PERSONNEL DID IN FACT LOCATE OBJECT, WHICH HAD AN AMBER BEAM APPROX. 4-6 FT IN DIAMETER AND ATTACHED TO SOME BRIGHT METAL OBJECT MOVING AT 4-6 KTS. OBJECT DID IN FACT CEASE ILLUMINATING, CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT COURSE AND RE-ILLUMINATE ITSELF. SUBJ OBJECT TRAVELLED SEVERAL COURES WHILE ILLUMINATED. STATION PERSONNEL COULD NOT IDENTIFY OBJECT AND HAS NEVER SEEN ANY THING LIKE IT. 2230S CG 163519 MOORED STATION AND STATED FISHERMEN WILL RETURN TO STATION AT A LATER TIME. THIS UNIT WILL OBTAIN THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES.
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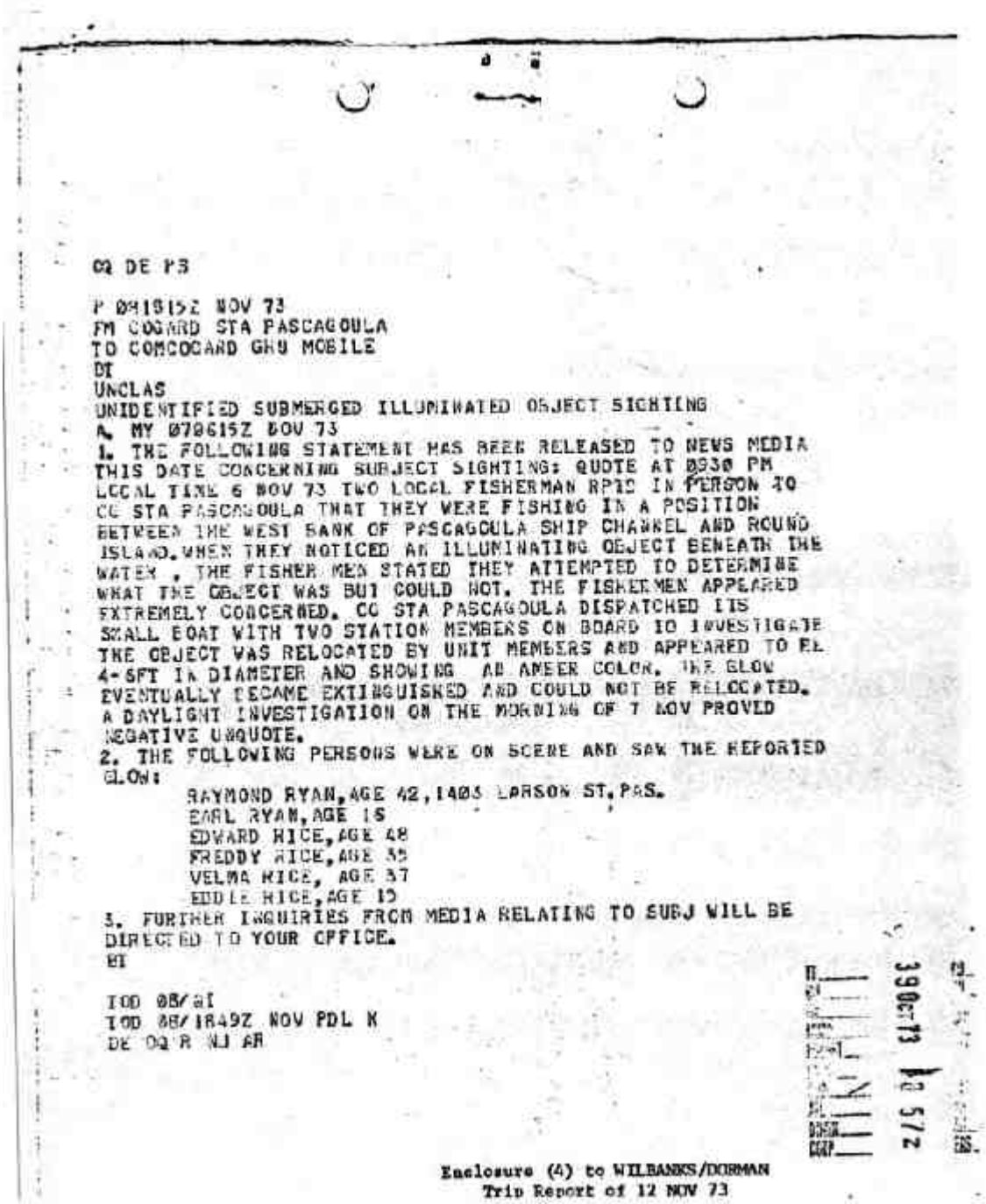
Enclosure (3) to WILBANKS/DORMAN
Trip Report of 12 Nov 73



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UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERGED ILLUMINATED OBJECT SIGHTING
A. MY 070615Z NOV 73
1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED TO NEWS MEDIA THIS DATE CONCERNING SUBJECT SIGHTING: QUOTE AT 0930 PM LOCAL TIME 6 NOV 73 TWO LOCAL FISHERMAN RPTD IN PERSON TO CG STA PASCAGOULA THAT THEY WERE FISHING IN A POSITION BETWEEN THE WEST BANK OF PASCAGOULA SHIP CHANNEL AND ROUND ISLAND. WHEN THEY NOTICED AN ILLUMINATING OBJECT BENEATH THE WATER . THE FISHER MEN STATED THEY ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHAT THE OBJECT WAS BUT COULD NOT. THE FISHERMEN APPEARED EXTREMELY CONCERNED. CG STA PASCAGOULA DISPATCHED ITS SMALL BOAT WITH TWO STATION MEMBERS ON BOARD TO INVESTIGATE THE OBJECT WAS RELOCATED BY UNIT MEMBERS AND APPEARED TO BE 4-6FT IN DIAMETER AND SHOWING AN AMBER COLOR. THE GLOW EVENTUALLY BECAME EXTINGUISHED AND COULD NOT BE RELOCATED. A DAYLIGHT INVESTIGATION ON THE MORNING OF 7 NOV PROVED NEGATIVE UNQUOTE.
2. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ON SCENE AND SAW THE REPORTED GLOW:
RAYMOND RYAN, AGE 42, 1403 LARSON ST, PAS.
EARL RYAN, AGE 15
EDWARD RICE, AGE 48
FREDDY RICE, AGE 35
VELMA RICE, AGE 37
EDDIE RICE, AGE 15
3. FURTHER INQUIRIES FROM MEDIA RELATING TO SUBJ WILL BE DIRECTED TO YOUR OFFICE.
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Enclosure (4) to WILBANKS/DORMAN
Trip Report of 12 NOV 73

As far as I'm concerned all four of these UFO sightings are significant and obviously the one by Mike Cataldo as it was in the same area at the same time. It could well by that Mr. Cataldo saw the same craft that Charlie and I encountered. Of course there is no way we can prove this but in my opinion

it cannot be ruled out. I often wondered if anyone else had seen anything. I see that Mr. Cataldo also reported his sighting to Keesler AFB and waited for them to phone him back but they never did. This does not surprise me at all as they gave me and Charlie the brush off when we phoned them.

I know it's a long shot but I would like to take this opportunity to ask if anyone else may have seen something on or around the 11thOctober, 1973, in and around the Pascagoula River area. If you did I would respectfully like to ask you to get in touch via my publisher whose contact details are featured in this book. Any information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

****** CHAPTER TWELVE
More encounters in 1993 and Budd Hopkins

Someone once asked me about other adductions. Had I had any other encounters? . Let me explain what happened then you can decide for yourself. This really threw me a curve ball for a while until I got help figuring it all out.

It all started one day about 7:00am. I had decided to go fishing, just to get away for a little while. At this time I lived in Bay, St Louis, Mississippi. It was a six miles ride in a boat to Cat Island. I set sail off the Washington Street pier. It was around 8:00am when I left, going to the island. It was a beautiful day, bright and sunny, no wind, so the trip was really smooth going there. It took about 45 minutes to get to the other side of the island where I fished. I always thought that fishing was the best way to relieve yourself of any stress. I loved it.

When I got there I set the anchor about twenty five feet from the island because the tide was turning and if you are not careful it could leave you on dry land before you know what has happened. You could find yourself stranded until the tide came back in. All I'd brought with me was bait, four bottles of water and a fried blondie sandwich for lunch. I had planned to be home way before dark.

I was simply sitting there fishing. This was just about thirty minutes after arriving which was still a few hours until dark. There was plenty of time to

fish and to get home before dark. Then, for some reason, I looked up and it was dark. I was thinking, “what the hell just happened? I don’t remember anything. It’s now dark”. I had bought an old cheap watch just a few days ago because for some reason time had become an issue in my life. I looked at my watch it said it was 23.00 hours. The watch was set on military time which would be 11:00 pm. What had just happen? As far as I was concerned I had just got here and it shouldn’t even be lunch. (At this time in my life no one had cell phones because of the price of them.) My mouth was really dry so I reached for one of my bottles of water but there was none, no water no sandwich. I knew I had bottles of water with me but what had happened to them?

I was thinking to myself that I needed to get home. I know Waynett would be worried about me. I sure did dread the trip across the water in the dark as I had no lights because I was going to be home before dark. Not thinking much about what had happened I started across the water. It was pitch black and the water was rough so it took around an hour and a half to get back to the boat launch. When I got there, there were a few people fishing on the pier. I went to get my truck and sure enough there was a note on the windshield saying where are you I am worried. Waynette knew that if I was catching fish I would sometimes let time get away from me but never this long. Living on the water we always had emergency phone numbers to call in case anything happened. I hope Waynett hadn’t called any of these numbers yet.

So I loaded my boat and made the fifteen minute drive to the house. Pulling up in the driveway I noticed the lights were on. Waynett was looking out of the window. She came out and said you must have broken down. She was just about to call someone to go and find me. I told her that I’d did not think I had broken down and that I didn’t know what had happened but I was really thirsty. While I was backing in the boat she got me some water. We then sat on the porch for a little while and I tried to explain what had happened. This was very difficult simply because I didn’t know what the hell had happened. Waynett said, well, did you Catch some fish? I told her, I don’t think so.

After our chat on the porch we went to bed and I slept like a baby. I woke up at 6:00 am the next morning because we had some company coming over. About 9:00 am our company showed up. It was Bill Robertson, he worked for Channel Twenty Five but he wasn't there as a reporter. We just got to know him as a friend but never gave him an interview. Bill kept up with what was happing in the abduction world and he was just really interested in it. When he was there I sat him down and explained what had happened the day before. Without saying a word he said let me get back with you in a day or two. Then he wanted to see the boat, he gave it a really good once over. He then opened the cooler where normally I would keep the fish and said you must have had a good day fishing. I said why did you say that. He said the ice chest is full of fish. I didn't remember catching any fish. But sure enough, I got on the boat and looked in it and it was full of trout and flounder. I thought to myself, what happened, I don't remember catching any fish? I just passed it off without saying nothing else about the fish. Bill got off the boat and asked to use our phone. So, Waynett went and got our cordless phone. He walked around in the yard a little while talking on our phone. Hung up, came over to me and asked if we would go to a UFO conference with him, not as a speaker. He had someone he wanted me to meet and the conference would be in Tampa, Florida.

I knew Waynett had never flown before so I asked her she said okay. Bill said all expenses would be taken care of if I agreed to talk to someone and be hypnotized. I told Bill that was fine with me but little did I know who we were going to meet. So we flew into Orlando, Florida with Bill Robertson and he had someone pick us up at the airport and drive us to Tampa to some motel close to where the conference would be held. We got checked into the room and settled in and someone was knocking on the door. I got up and answered and it was Bill and someone else who I didn't know. Bill introduced me to the other guy and it was Budd Hopkins. I still didn't know who he was. Bill said that Budd Hopkins was going to be a speaker at tomorrow's conference. I asked Bill and Budd to come on in and have a seat. Budd asked me if I would mind talking to him. I told him I wouldn't mind at all, so he asked me a few questions about my fishing trip and the missing-time that I didn't remember. Then he told me about different abductions with missing time and that some of the people would remember after a little while but he would love to hypnotize me to see if I could

remember what had happened. I agreed and told Budd that it would be okay because I wanted to know, I wanted to know what had happened. Budd said that after the conference we would get together and try regressive hyponosis giving us some time now to ourselves.

The next morning we woke up at around 8:00 am and went down for breakfast. Bill and Budd were sitting at a table and invited us over to sit with them. Budd was telling us about his book 'Missing Time'. The book was all about people that lost track of time and who remembered an alien abduction while under hypnosis. This really made me think simply because I had experienced this 'missing time' while on my fishing trip. Did I simply get lost in my thoughts that day or was there something more to it?

After breakfast we left and went and got ready for the conference. At about 11:00 am we went to the conference hall and Budd was able to get us a front row seat I had never just sat and listened to anyone speak at a UFO conference before. That day I was truly blessed as I was introduced by Budd to lots of people They all wanted me to speak (up on the stage) but I politely refused. But I got to meet Stanton Friedman and several more speakers including Travis Walton. I listened to Budd Hopkins speak on the 'missing time' cases that he had written about in his book. I wanted to learn more. After the lecture we all went back up to Budd's room and I agreed to let him hypnotize me. I asked Waynett to go back to our room because I wanted to protect her from all of this. I did ask Bill to stay and record the hypnosis and take notes of the session. I told Budd Hopkins that no matter what, I had to go through with this because I had to know the truth. Budd agreed with me and said that I would remember all of the details. He then said it might not be what he thinks but we would try to find out.

So Budd started a regressive hypnosis session and I remember him saying that my arm was getting lighter and lighter, then it was floating. Then he started asking me questions about that morning and I remembered seeing a haze in the sky, like a cloud, it looked just like a cloud then it was directly over me about 500 feet high. It looks grey in colour and I couldn't tell how long it was. All at one time the bottom of this 'cloud' opened up. I started floating up with my back toward the craft and my face looking down at the boat. I noticed that I was still in the boat and I looked like I was asleep. As I went into the bottom of the craft the door closed but I couldn't feel the craft moving. I then saw what looked like a female approaching me. She was gray in color, with brown eyes that were really almost black. I wasn't afraid at all because I knew for some reason that it was going to be alright and I would be safe. That's when I finally came to terms with what had happen in October of 1973 (with me and Charlie) and it was now 1993 .

I don't know what else may have happened as I must have come out of the hypnosis. I really don't remember nothing more. Budd tried to put me back under hypnosis but with no luck in doing so. Maybe it's best that I don't remember. After the second attempt at hypnosis we just gave up. This was hard, not knowing, I really wanted to know. I thanked Budd for his time and for trying. I wished him all the best and we said goodbye. Budd said I might remember more details later on and if so to call him, or if I needed him I was just to give him a call. That was the last I heard from Budd Hopkins, I lost all his contact information during hurricane Katrina. Bill and I got up and went back to my room and talked about what had happened. Bill agreed with Budd saying that maybe I was not able to remember what had happened on the fishing trip and that it might slowly come back to me as Budd had suggested. Maybe there was a good reason why I could not remember and I agreed.

The next day we all flew back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, not saying anything about the hypnosis session with Budd. Bill said he would make a copy of the tape he had made and get it to me. Two days after that Bill Robertson passed away before he could ever get the tape to me. His death came as a shock to all that knew him. I don't know what happened to his tape. I went to his office and they said that they had no idea where anything

was or what he was working on.. Personally I think he was writing a book on different adductions accounts but I can't be sure. I never talked to Waynett about what was done that night. I didn't tell her anything of what I remembered under hypnosis.

Budd Hopkins hypnotic regression – full transcript

If I'm honest I can't remember a whole lot of what happened when I went under regressive hypnosis with researcher and author Budd Hopkins when I met him in Florida in 1993. I knew that Budd had passed some years ago and I wasn't sure if I'd ever get the chance to listen to the cassette tape recording that was made that day. However, once again I am grateful to my publisher Philip Mantle. Philip made some enquiries concerning who was now the custodian of Budd Hopkins' research files now that he had passed away. One of those contacted was Budd's long time friend and colleague Peter Robbins in New York. Peter Robbins informed us that it was alien abduction research and author Dr. David Jacobs who now was in possession of Budd's work. Philip Mantle and I emailed Dr. Jacobs to see if he had a copy of the cassette tape in question and if he did could we have a copy. Dr Jacobs promptly replied and informed us that yes he had the tape and that he would be more than happy to supply us with a copy. The tape arrived safe and sound and a transcript of it is here in full. As far as I am aware this is the first time that this tape has been transcribed. Thank you once again to Peter Robbins and Dr. David Jacobs for their help with this.

In the following transcript Budd Hopkins will be highlighted as **BUDD** and I simply as **CALVIN**.

Cassette tape, side one.

The date on the cassette tape is the 14thMarch, 1993.

BUDD:

What kind of car was it?

CALVIN:

A 1973 Rambler Hornet.

BUDD:

Oh, a new car?

CALVIN:

Yeah, I'd just bought car.

BUDD:
What color was it, yellow?
CALVIN: Yellow.
BUDD:
Yellow, uh, uh. So you said you drove over and picked up Charlie, right?
CALVIN: Right.
BUDD:
And then you uh, went off, where was the first place you went to fish? The grain elevator.
BUDD: The grain elevator, yes. And did you catch any fish there?
CALVIN: No.
BUDD:
So you decided to move on?
CALVIN: Right.
BUDD:
What were you fishing for?

CALVIN:
Really I don't think I was fishing for much of nothing. Charlie was doing the fishing and I was doing the talking.

BUDD:
He's the real fisherman?
CALVIN:
He's the fisherman, yeah, Charlie' gets in to his fishing.

BUDD :
But you had a pole? Oh yeah, I had a pole and if was off in the water and, but I really didn't care if I caught one or not.

BUDD:
Right. And you were 19?
CALVIN: Right.

BUDD:
So then when you get into the shipyard did you did you have to go in, I suppose there was some sort of driveway or road?

CALVIN :
Yes, there was a road that went in and it is was, there was a lot of tall, tall reed cane, so we drove down this road and parked.

BUDD:
How far would you say the car was from the pier where you were sitting?
CALVIN:
I would say the car was 175/200 feet from the pier.
BUDD:
So just walked down and you were sitting on the end of the pier?

CALVIN:
Right. I know the car would have been closer than that 'cause later I stepped it off (paced it off) and it was 125 feet to where the craft had landed.

BUDD:
Yes, right.
CALVIN:
And the car was parked parallel with the craft.
BUDD: 125 feet.
Muffled third party voice in the background. Another person (sounds like a man) is speaking to Calvin.
CALVIN:
Yeah, that's it, right there.
BUDD:
Well, we don't want to record the induction (hypnosis induction).
Inaudible women's voice in the background. Muffled voices.

BUDD :
Okay. You said you had your t-shirt on and jeans and something like that. Get your shoes off and get yourself comfortable.

Muffled voices.

BUDD:
(Putting Calvin under hypnosis). Now then come back to that beautiful place another time. Here right now I want to enjoy this wonderful sense of

relaxation. I want you just to feel that soothing flow through your body, this warmth and relaxation. Feeling the warmth of the blanket (inaudible)….just feeling the sense of rest, so comfortable, so safe, feels so good, allow yourself now to go deeper and deeper into this sense of relaxation, deeper into this wonderful feeling, relaxation. Comfortable, relaxed, peaceful, relaxed. In this relaxed state your mind is so clear (inaudible)…I want to back many years, 20 years ago almost, back to October 1973. What I want you to do first of all, see yourself as if you are looking into a big, big full length mirror; I want you to see yourself as 19 year old young man. I want you to see the way you look. Look in that mirror, you're 19 years old. Perhaps your body is shaped differently, I want you to look at yourself, your body, your face, looking at your jeans and t-shirt, look at your hair in that mirror, look at your face and realise that, look how much more innocent and younger you look. You are 19 years old, you've had some good times and you've had some difficult times, you can see that right in your own eyes, look in your eyes, look in the mirror, a young man, had some good times and some not good times, you look really different to now, you look young. Show me your arms (inaudible). Okay.
Now if we stayed away from that image, just stepping away from the mirror, I want you to see you parked up by that place, I want you to look at that Rambler that you got (car), the yellow Rambler, the car you had a lot of fun with, it was exciting to get a car like that. You liked to drive round in it, have some fun with it. I want you to look at it and, you are standing outside on the driver's side, you can speak whenever you like, I'd just like to ask you a question or two. You are standing at the driver's side looking at the car, the yellow Rambler. Answer this question for me; is it a two door car or a four door?

CALVIN: Four door.

BUDD:
A four door car, um, um, okay. You get in that car and then you have your supper, you're gonna go fishing, you're gonna go fishing with Charlie. You like to see Charlie, have a good time and maybe, you are gonna drive over and pick up Charlie. I want you to feel yourself getting in that car, I want you to slam the door of the car, it's a familiar sound, cars sound very unique, you can always tell what that car sounded like when the door

slammed, you can tell what's like when you put the key in to start it, it's funny, the engine turns over in a way than other cars, it sounds different to other cars. Just putting your hands around that steering wheel, it feels a certain way; it's your car, really familiar. You are going to drive over to Charlie, you're going to pick up Charlie, it's after supper. When you get over to Charlie's, he's, did you blow the horn out front, or did he just see you, or did you get out of the car and go in. What did you do?

CALVIN:
I go in. (inaudible)….cornbread, get some cornbread.
BUDD: Right.

CALVIN :
Charlie's raising all kinds of hell with Blanche (Charlie's wife) she doesn't want him to go off, for two or three days, to go fishing (inaudible)……..

BUDD:
Uh, uh, you get yourself back to the car there, did you bring some cornbread out with you?

CALVIN: Uh, uh, no.

BUDD:
Okay. You get in the car with Charlie and off you go, tell me where you're headed first, where are you gonna go?

CALVIN:
(inaudible) Magic Mart store. Charlie went in, got the bottle (inaudible)… came, out and took a drink of it.
Did you have a dink too or just Charlie?

CALVIN: Just Charlie.

BUDD:
Okay. Now you're gonna, you're just sitting there in the driver's seat and then just take off, see where you're headed, when you left the store did you go right, did you go left, where did you go?

CALVIN: We go left.
BUDD:
You go left, okay. You can see yourself driving along now, see where you're heading.

CALVIN :
We're going toward erm, a grocery store and we stop at the grocery store and I get some cakes and coke and Charlie gets a six pack of (inaudible)….beer. And then we drive all the way out (inaudible)… and talk about fishing, generally plan on going fishing, we just talk about it; we just wanna get our lines in. So, we drove, I don't know how far it is and Charlie said that's where he used to work, right here and he changed jobs and was working for Shell, come and worked for Shell, then we crossed the long bridge, a lot of water. Then we stopped, some little service station with a deep freeze, had a deep freeze, because I needed ice for the shrimp (shrimp was used for bait when fishing), …….Charlie said, we just turn right and go, we go down this road, (inaudible)…so we go down a dead-end street, then we stop and we sat there and Charlie drank the beer, I think he should have been…. (inaudible)…then we turn around and go back to the next road and we go down and Charlie says this is the grain elevator, this is where, he caught a lot of fish here, let's try to fish here. So, Charlie had his fishing equipment in the back seat and mine was in the trunk. We got it out with some shrimp that was frozen; we had to sit there for a few minutes and try to get it unfrozen. Some kind of little bugs were all over us and erm, were coming off the water and (inaudible)….can't stand it any longer.

BUDD: Yeah.

CALVIN : He says I know another site where we can go and I never fished it there, never did any fishing, I was waiting on the bait to thaw out, so we sat down and talked…..So he said I know there's somewhere we can go that's darker and the lights …we can fish, so we drive down the road, it feels like we've been driving forever and Charlie's really starting to get on my nerves, he's talking about Blanche (Charlie's wife) and taking about Sheila, how he hates who Sheila's seeing, …..he's just….

BUDD:
Yeah, family stuff.

CALVIN :
Right. I'm thinking well what (inaudible) going back another day. So we finally make it to this little road and we go in back there and I don't know how we turned and Charlie said this old shipyard and I remember seeing a no trespassing sign. Charlie goes on, we don't need to go in here, we could have some problems. He says no, I come and fish here all the time. I said okay, I'll tell them to take you to jail not me. On the way in there's a car, a red Pontiac, with a black top and there's someone who gets up out of the back seat. I started laughing, I don't know what they said, same thing I should be doing. Anyhow, we got in the car still and we drove down, I guess they didn't pay much attention to those kind of cars….and we parked and I noticed the tall cane, so Charlie asked if we ever want to get a fishing pole this is where we need to come and do it, so we set a few of em along the bank and wait till we catch a few fish. We get our fishing equipment out and we go to another ….pier and I remember being very careful stepping up on the pier because it didn't look like it could probably hold much of us (it was in a poor state of repair). I want you take a minute and look down at the pier, has it got holes in it? Just look at the wood you are walking on.

CALVIN:
Just at the back of it, it looks like, the earth has washed away from the pier about two foot. We had to make a long stilt just get back on to the pier. And erm, there was an old board that had a nail turned up in it, an old rusty looking nail and I remember taking my heel, trying to kick the nail down, but I had on some training shoes and wouldn't, couldn't do it, just there, erm Charlie's not to step on this nail.

BUDD:
Look around again, can you see the bridge over there?

CALVIN :
Yeah, I can see the bridge there's a light….. (inaudible). A lot of traffic on the bridge, trucks, you can hear a noise coming from somewhere, it sounds like a boat coming down the river. Charlie said it was, erm, sounded like an old generator running of some kind off one of these boats, big coastguard boats, right across the river, a big (inaudible)…..it was quiet and there's no boats around. Charlie's really starting to piss me off, you know.

BUDD:
What's he saying?

CALVIN:
Erm, Charlie's really upset ……. he's still talking about his family, don't seem like he can talk about anything else. He just wants to talk about his family, erm, it's like he's trying to…..I ask Charlie, I said Charlie will you shut your damn mouth and let's fish. I hear, I hear a noise around back and I think it's the car leaving, it's a car leaving, it's definitely leaving and it has a peculiar thing around it's.. on the car, it' like a neon on it's tag …..it's a strange red and it's going round and round and round.

BUDD:
Can you see the tag on it, the license plate?
CALVIN:
1HB 348 JACKSON.
BUDD:
Right that's that red Pontiac that's backed up?
CALVIN: Yeah.
BUDD:
Can you see it. It's pulling out?

CALVIN :
Someone's getting out of the car now, they stop. I told Charlie, I said …they gotta go to the bathroom before he leaves. Now he's getting back in the car and he's leaving. And then it's really quiet for a while. And I start feeling a chill come up all over my back, back of my neck and there's something wrong. I just, a bad feeling that something was really wrong. I couldn't see anything 'cause I turned and looked and there was nothing back there. So I started looking at the train track and I noticed the train track, how peaceful it was and I thought it was real strange because as the track opened, I was thinking if a train came by it would run off in the river. I think Charlie's telling me the legend; thank God he's finally taking about something else besides his family. The legend of the train, for some reason they all they all started singing and marched off into the river and drowned themselves. I said well Charlie must have dreamed this 'cause I never heard about this

legend. But it's kinda interesting.
Did you say anything to Charlie about feeling funny?

CALVIN:
No I hadn't mentioned it, I thought, maybe I was sick, but I knew I wasn't sick, I had a chill though. I had a real scary feeling. Before he finishes about the river, before he finishes the telling the story, I try and I look and there's a blue light, blue hazy blue light. Charlie there must be, you're in trouble now, we're trespassing, you're gonna get us, you're gonna pay my way out of jail tonight, because I didn't want to come down here to start with. (inaudible). I hope not. And then the strangest thing, like a, and then it was orange and then there was an orange glow all around, next came these blue lights. And I really got an eerie feeling then.

BUDD:
Just for one minute now, I just want you to describe what you are seeing and just let the feeling go over you, that eerie feeling that you've described, just let go right over you right now. I want you to notice the lights around you, notice those hazy lights, let that feeling go over you, (inaudible)…..Calvin try to describe that feeling to me.

CALVIN:
The feeling that I have now.
BUDD: Yes.

CALVIN :
I feel like jumping into the water and swimming, running away or something, but there's so much stuff in here (junk in the river) I don't wanna do that, I'll drown. I'm not a good swimmer. And Charlie, he's really getting upset now. He, Charlie's threw his pole down, his fishing pole. Charlie never (inaudible)… he's throwing his pole down, I wonder what he's gonna do, that's like throwing one of his kids there, (inaudible).

BUDD:
Are you both sitting, what's it like there?

CALVIN :
Charlie's was sitting I was standing there. And Charlie was trying to get er,

Charlie, I guess Charlie had too much to drink and (inaudible). I was afraid he was gonna fall off into the river and drown. So I reached and grabbed him by his shoulder and er, pulled Charlie back on the pier and helped him up. Now we are both standing and turned around.

BUDD:
Ever felt like this before?
CALVIN. No, no.

BUDD:
Your body, your body has its own memory. I want you right now to tell me what your body feels. You will be able to remember exactly what your body feels. What does it feel like, you are standing and your body knows, tell me what you feel like?

CALVIN :
I feel, er, cramps, all over, all over, all the way from the back of my legs to the back of my neck. And I can't control anything, I'm being pulled and pulled and these cramps, I've never felt anything like it, at any one time and it just starts pulling me down and I can't move, I can't move at all, just drawing my body (inaudible)….but it's coming from the noise and it didn't start until the noise started. First a little low, low noise, I couldn't describe it if I wanted to, I couldn't make this noise, it's so soft, but it's so harsh and then this noise it starts and then it stops and then it'll start and then it stops. And every time this noise goes off I feel the cramps coming back and I notice Charlie, I turned, the noise had stopped and I turned to look at Charlie and he said my God Calvin what is this and I said my God Charlie why the hell are you asking me this, I don't know. So, we're standing there and I noticed now that, that something, that something really strange, er, it's so large, so big, I still don't know how big it was, it's as large as a football field.

BUDD:
You don't have to worry about (inaudible)…do you think you can make a run for the car?

CALVIN :
I want to, but this thing is parked behind the car, there's nowhere to go, I

looked to the left, I looked to the right and there's water on both sides, there's water in front and there's something behind my car, it looks like a train, it sounds like a train and I don't have anywhere to go. All I can do is stay. I've got a gun in the front seat of the car, if I could just get to that. I was starting to go towards the car and then there's a beam of light, the brightest light I've ever seen in my life and it's shining on me and I stopped. And I'm still thinking if I could get to my car and get to my gun.

BUDD:
Why didn't you just walk past the beams?
CALVIN:
I can't move, I'm paralyzed.
BUDD:
Just look at that light again, does the light have any colors or is it just white?
CALVIN:
Blue, it's a blue light.
BUDD:
Bright blue?

CALVIN :
Very bright, not like any color I've ever seen, a sharp blue and then there's an orange sitting on top of it, a big orange light, it's real shiny.

BUDD:
What feelings do you have right now?
CALVIN:
I've nothing.
BUDD:
No feelings?
CALVIN:
No feelings, (inaudible)…my body is just like it's not there, I'm just paralyzed.
BUDD:
Okay, feeling that paralysis, now (inaudible)…..let's see what happens next.

CALVIN :
There's something, something I don't recognise. (inaudible)….coming out

of a door and I'm thinking it's a joke that someone's pulling, but they got a good one over on us. They came closer and closer and I realise now serious, what a serious situation we were in and there's something like I've never seen before in my life, they're coming forward. There's one, two, three of them coming out the door and there's one more standing in with them.

BUDD:
(inaudible)….what were they shaped like?
CALVIN
: Like a football player.
BUDD:
A football player?
CALVIN: Yeah.
BUDD:
Broad shoulders?

CALVIN:
Very broad shoulders, long, long arms, like they don't have a face, there's still no face, (inaudible)…..the second one has something else, my eyes were really blurry, I noticed some like dots in front of my eyes, this first one still, he had hold of my arm and there's a feeling, I almost get sick to my stomach, like I'll throw up, but I couldn't throw up. I felt a burning, the second he touched me there was burning all they way through me. And it felt, it felt like hot coals.

BUDD:
That one is close enough to touch your arm. What I want you to do Calvin, you can see, if you can move your yes enough, if you can see, I want you to look firmly at the face. If he's that close to hold you, even though your eyes are blurry you may make out something. When I count to three, put my hand on your shoulder and count to three, that's a sign that everything's okay. You are here with us, my hand's going down your shoulder. One, you are gonna look at that face of the alien, two, you are just about to look directly at him, three.

CALVIN:
There's, like a glass light (could be flashlight) and it looks like two marbles, two blue marbles behind the glass light.

BUDD:
Could the glass light be a mask, you mean (inaudible)…. How would you describe it?
CALVIN:
Well, it's just a glass light with two marbles behind it.
BUDD:
You mean a round (inaudible)….plate?
CALVIN:
Uh, erm, kinda round.
BUDD:
Like a dinner plate?

CALVIN :
No, no, no, just clear glass. And the marbles are sitting way to the back as though you are looking at a stage and it's a black background with two marbles sitting there.

BUDD:
What do you think the two marble things are?

CALVIN:
I dunno. I get a felling of peace. I was real frightened and then I saw these and I felt a feeling of peace.

BUDD :
Now again your body is extremely sensitive, remember how you feel, how your body's moving, if it's stable, if it's changed position, if you sit down your body's gonna know if there's any movement. You know that if there is some movement if you move in some way, if something happens, your body's gonna know in some way. Tell me what you feel your body feels.

CALVIN:
My knees, I feel the weight lifted off of our bodies as though I was floating, real floating, but I can feel my knees. I had a patch on my jeans, I'm able to, I bend over to look at this patch as though I'm a (inaudible)…and I feel like I'm floating.

BUDD:

How far away is the alien? (inaudible)….if you have to look straight down (inaudible).
CALVIN:
Well, right in his face. (inaudible)
BUDD: Okay.
CALVIN:
They're carrying me now.
BUDD:
Do you feel your weight being supported by them now?

CALVIN:
Uh, uh. But it's not a pain anymore, it's a relaxing feeling (inaudible)….I don't feel any pain at all and I'm floating. I remember feeling this way a long, long time ago, like I was floating and then I felt like I could fly and this is the way that I feel, like I could fly, I feel like if they let me go I would fly. And then next to me I remember seeing Charlie.

BUDD:
What position is Charlie in?

CALVIN:
Charlie's standing up. Then they, then they rotate around us in a circle, two or three times in a circle, (inaudible)… I'm feeling like a ball being dribbled.

BUDD:
Bounced up and down?

CALVIN:
No, I felt the dribbling sensation, the turning, like on a merry-go-round. Then a bright light reappears, bright, bright light shines and I'm being drawn to the inside of the craft, to the inside (inaudible)…..everything's real bright now, it's really bright, (inaudible).

BUDD:
(Inaudible)

CALVIN:
Yeah, my legs are starting to come right down, my arms, my clothing and I'm standing up, but I don't feel any pain and I'm standing.

BUDD:
Can you see your feet standing on the floor? I don't feel them (inaudible)…..I feel a tugging, a tugging on my arm and then a very, very big burning sensation went all through my body and this is where I prayed that I would die.

BUDD
I want you to tell me just what you think, (inaudible)….right now?

CALVIN:
(inaudible)…..I don't know whether this is the way things are supposed to be, erm please, just let me die. Please take me, because anything has to be (inaudible).what am I getting in to. But I couldn't physically (inaudible)……

BUDD:
I know. Calvin, the people (the UFO occupants) that took you in, is this why you hadn't really had a chance to say something to them. Let's just say right now that you could say something to them, right now, a chance to say something to them, what would you to them at this point when they took you in there, what would you say. How did you feel when they took you in?

CALVIN:
Leave me the fuck alone.
BUDD:
Okay. They had no right to do that did they?
CALVIN: No.
BUDD:
Did they ask your permission? No.

BUDD:
Tell me your feelings (inaudible)….what happens, when you're standing, what happen next, the body's gonna remember very, very well, the very next thing you feel. (inaudible)…what's gonna happen?

CALVIN :
There's some kind of electrical, electrical charge. My feelings are coming back to my body but I can't move. I can feel everything in there and it's cold, it's really cold and there's the electricity, you could feel it coming through your body, the electrical charges, but it don't hurt or anything. Some kind of little ball is dancing around.

BUDD:
Is it pretty?
CALVIN:
It's really pretty. It, it gives me a feeling of peace, then I'm being told what?
BUDD:
You've been told….?

CALVIN :
I'm being pulled now, being pulled and I hear a noise, a loud noise, it sounds like an airrelease and then I'm pulled and turned around.

BUDD:
What's doing the pulling? I don't know. I can't see.
BUDD:
Does it feel like a hand pulling you, that kind of thing?

CALVIN :
No. It's like a magnet was pulling to this thing. All I can do is see to the side, I remember seeing to the side.

BUDD:
Yeah, okay.
CALVIN:
And pulled inside.

BUDD:
Well you don't just have your memory you can actually look around and see what you can see. You can move your eyes, you can't move your head. Are you going through a doorway, or, how did you get it?

CALVIN:

No, I went through a doorway, a wide doorway, now I'm not afraid anymore.
BUDD: Okay.

CALVIN :
I mean, I'm scared I mean, I'm wondering where I am, but I'm being pulled by something that I don't know what's pulling me and then I'm being strapped down, I'm strapped to this table, big black straps, there's one around my legs, there's one around my arms, there's one on my stomach and then I'm left alone. Then I feel the adrenalin running through my body. I don't know if I can break these straps and breaking these straps if it's the last thing I do. And I'm able to tug on them and I'm breaking them and I'm pulling on them, but I can't break them. Now I'm afraid, now I know I have a problem, again, Lord just let me die, because I know this is gonna be a terrible death and that I'm doing, so Lord just let me die now and get it over with, 'cause there's no need to go to go through a lot of pain, I don't like pain. And then a heard a noise and the door opened and then a sense of peace come all over me, I'm feeling real peaceful now, I feel like the struggles are over, I feel like, I'm not able to move anymore, for some reason I can't move in any direction, I just lay with my head forward and look, ugh, boy this bitch is ugly. And I remember seeing a mask, yeah, she's got a mask on, I can see a mask, she's wearing a mask. Now as I was able to talk now.

BUDD :
Just now relax and take it very, very easy, deep breathes now Calvin. At this point, you've come to this point, take it very, very easy, (inaudible)…….you can feel (inaudible)……there you are, you can feel the straps, but you're feeling very peaceful, you look at her and you feel like you can talk. Do you say something to her?

CALVIN: Uh, uh.
BUDD:
What do you say to her, just look at her, what are you saying, what did you say?
CALVIN:

(Raise's his voice) Who are you? That's all I said, that's all I could say, who are you?

BUDD:
Did she answer? She stuck her finger in my nose and she, I don't know what, she's got an attitude though, she's got a bad attitude. Just as soon as I get loose I'm fixing to twist her head off. A real serious attitude on that bitch.

BUDD:
Who do you think she is? What's going through your mind when you look at her?
CALVIN: I've seen her before, I've seen pictures before.
BUDD:
You've actually seen her particularly before, you might have?
CALVIN:
I've seen her before, I really hate her, I hate her.

BUDD:
Let's just go with that for a second, I want you to get that sense of (inaudible)….and then I want you to look down at yourself and get a look of how you are, look up and down, are you a boy, are you a teenager… when did you see her before?

CALVIN:
Erm, I just turned 6 years old, it's November 7th.
BUDD:
(Inaudible).

CALVIN :
I'm in bed with my brother, I sleep with my brother now, 'cause we've got a small house and he's sad about wetting the bed and I, I usually sleep on the floor, but he was just over 12 years old, so he had wet the bed and I had got up and laid down on the floor with a blanket and I seen her.

BUDD:
Who. Is he (inaudible)...right now?
CALVIN:

I don’t know.
Cassette tape, side two.
BUDD:
(Inaudible).

CALVIN :
That I know her, I’ve been knowing her for a long time and she’s evil and I’m very afraid of her.

BUDD :
Let me ask you one thing, (inaudible, the tape is very quiet and I cannot make out what Budd is saying)…..has she ever touched you?

CALVIN:
I don’t know, I don’t know. I seen her though all the time.
BUDD:
Do you only see her in the bedroom or do you see her other places?
CALVIN:
No, lots of other places. Do you have a nice place where you’ve seen her?

CALVIN :
On Pearl River, fishing one night with Charlie Hickson. (Inaudible)….my father, my brother and I ran out of the woods, I’d seen her, I come running out of the woods and I told them there’s a ghost in the woods, no one believed me, they all laughed about it.

BUDD:
How long (inaudible)?
CALVIN:
Erm, well 5, 6 years old, I don’t remember.
BUDD:
Still a little boy?
CALVIN:
Still a little kid.

BUDD :
Okay, let’s move back (inaudible)….let’s move back to 1973, in that room

and she's looking at you and you say she's really got an attitude, (inaudible)….let's see what she does. She put her finger in your nose?

CALVIN:
Yeah, she's got her finger up my nose.
BUDD:
Let's just see what that feels like, that finger. I don't…..
BUDD:
A long thin finger, a thick finger, a stubby finger?
CALVIN: Long, thin,
but I don't have any feelings, I just know that she's put her finger up my nose.
BUDD:
Feels like (inaudible)….finger. Feels like she's inserting something…a short distance?
CALVIN: Ah, ah.
BUDD:
(Inaudible)….Not that far.

CALVIN:
And she has something in her hand, (inaudible) ….she's takes the thing down my nose (inaudible) around my nose and she's reaching for my lip. And she pulls my lip up and I feel a stinging and my, my blood pressure, I don't know what it is and I can't catch my breath and I'm bleeding and my lip is bleeding and I remember my prayer (inaudible) …what it is. And then the blood just starts rolling, it rolls and (inaudible)……face and she grabs me by the side of the face (inaudible). And all I could think of was killing her, but I knew that I was gonna die in there, (inaudible). Then everything just settles down, so, I just kinda, lowered back down.
Now your senses are very, very sharp and clear. Now you know that Charlie has been with you. Do you hear any sounds that would suggest that Charlie is somewhere nearby. Any noises?

CALVIN :
No sounds, no noises except for, sounds like rain dripping into a bucket, just a steady drip, drip, drip, drip.

BUDD:

Let's just see if you could hear Charlie call you.
CALVIN:
I don't hear Charlie.
BUDD:
Okay. (inaudible)…What's this dripping is this close to you (inaudible)?

CALVIN:
Close, real close. I'm thinking its blood, my right hand. That bitch just cut my right hand now, I'm bleeding, just a steady drip of blood onto the floor, I can see it, she's sat there. On the outside of my right hand, she's cut it. She's really just pushing me now too far, I will get out of these straps, I will get a hold of her now. There's no doubt and I'm just fighting with everything I got in me now, because this is getting like, this strictly is not right.

BUDD :
I'm sure it's not. She has no right to do this to you without asking your permission. And I don't know what it is she put in my right hand. And I remember seeing it and I see it now, black and it almost resembles a needle. And there's a serious cut and now she's cutting it, it's really bleeding now; she's cutting into my right hand, right on the outside. And then, it's like a miracle, it's just quit bleeding and it's healed.

BUDD: Okay.
CALVIN:
But there's some object, definitely still there, it's in my hand.
BUDD:
There's an object inside your hand?
CALVIN:
Yeah, she put it in there.

BUDD :
Okay, you will be able to tell us exactly where that is and you can point that out to me. Okay, just concentrate where that is in the hand and you can point that out to me. (Inaudible).

CALVIN :
She's cleaning my feet and I can see her, she's pulling and tugging and I

don’t know, I don’t know what she’s doing, she’s, but I feel a real serious pain in my left foot where she’s pulling (inaudible)….she’s really pulling me with some little, and my shoe fell off. And now she’s undone a strap, all the straps, she’s taking the straps off and this is my time to get out of here now, time to go. Tell her adios, I’m going and now I can’t move, just here, the straps are gone but I can’t move. She’s trying to pull my clothes off and I still can’t move, yet for some reason I just pushed up on my heels and helped her, I’m in total agreement with everything she’s doing now. I don’t care what she (gap in tape for some unknown reason.). I don’t know what this is, I don’t know what she’s trying to do now but it looks pretty serious to me. I can see her sitting her head up and I’m looking now, staring at her. Clothes is down, got blood all over the front of my shirt, and I guess she’s a little (inaudible……..I just wish she’d go ahead and leave me alone, ugh, (inaudible)…..oh, damn, it’s burning all over, it’s going all over. It does, it’s burning. It feels like the blood was pumped out of me, lead inside. She put hot.

BUDD:
Were you (inaudible)?
CALVIN:
(inaudible)…Christ, oohhhh. (Calvin makes an uneasy noise as if he’s in severe pain).
BUDD:
Easy, easy, you’re okay Calvin.
CALVIN:
(Still makes an awful noise as if suffering in some way).

BUDD:
Easy, take a deep breath. (Calvin’s can still be heard making a noise as if in great discomfort and pain). I’m gonna put my hand on your shoulder, as soon as you feel my hand on you shoulder you can breathe, feel my hand on your shoulder you can breathe now, feel, the breath is coming back, your breath is coming back, feel my hand on your shoulder, breath is coming back. Okay, it feels much better, that was bad but now easing off, easing off, easing off (in the background you can hear Calvin’s breathing returning to normal), easing off, you can breathe. That was tough but it’s in the past, now it’s in the past, you’re okay. Tell me what you think happened there;

we don't have to do that again. Just what you feel happened, what do you think happened?
She's injected something (inaudible).

BUDD:
Where did inject it?
CALVIN:
In the side of my hand.
BUDD:
Did you feel something going in?

CALVIN :
Oh yeah, it was going in and then I felt blood coming out, warm blood. I feel like she changed all my blood out of my veins, I've never felt anything that hot (inaudible)….in all my life.

BUDD:
Did you feel it all the way in your hands, your arms and your feet?
CALVIN:
It was all over.
BUDD:
All over your whole body?

CALVIN:
Even the bottom of my fingers felt like they'd just exploded. Well she's done it now; (inaudible)….She's leaving now. I'm able to move, I start to feel a little bit better. It still hurts; oh boy does it hurt bad.
Does it hurt all through your body or is it just in the one place where she injected?

CALVIN: All over.
BUDD:
The whole body?

CALVIN :
Uh, uh. All over. I'm able to get up now, I'm getting up now and I look at the table but it's not a table, I don't know what it is, it's clear, all the way, but it's not glass. I put my shoe on and I pull up my pants.

BUDD :
There's one thing I want you to do when you're getting ready there, Calvin, look around and you might see something similar that looks like writing, some kind of funny writing, you might see something like that or maybe you don't see anything like that, look around and see if you notice anything. On the table or on the wall, or anything, something that looks like kind of funny writing.

CALVIN:
Ain't writing.
BUDD:
You don't see anything, okay.
CALVIN: No writing. Okay. Maybe there's nothing to see then, okay.
CALVIN: I see me.
BUDD:
Okay. You see you. You're getting up there and you get your shoe back on?
CALVIN: Uh, uh.
BUDD:
You get your pants back on and everything. What do you feel like doing now?

CALVIN :
I'm looking at, I'm looking around, I'm looking at the ceiling, I'm looking at the floor and I'm looking around for a door to get out, I know I came through a door. But I see me in a mirror, but I also see something else in the mirror, I'm not there by myself. I have a real strange feeling that I'm being watched, I'm being watched, that's what I'm feeling, it's more than that.

BUDD:
Do you think one person's watching or two, or more?
CALVIN:
No, watch, just watching.

BUDD :
Just watching? Electricity is bouncing off of the walls (inaudible)…little balls of electricity just bouncing and bouncing. I remember dodging them; I was dodging them there from one side to the other.

BUDD:
When you look in that mirror do you think you can actually see faces in there?
CALVIN:
Oh yeah there's faces all in there.
BUDD:
What do they look like?

CALVIN :
I don't know but there's faces in there. There's faces all in there. But she's coming back in the room, the door opens and I can leave. She walked in and I grabbed her. I got her round her skinny - ass little neck and I'm choking her right now and she's fixing to go with me. And I'm beating her head against this mirror and there's some kind of black stuff, yuk, coming out. And then through the door the thing that brought me in and I felt a stinging again.

BUDD:
Where's that black stuff coming from, look at the face?
CALVIN:
She's got ears; it's coming out of her ears.

BUDD :
She's got big ears, little ears? Oh, she's got ears like, like us guys, (inaudible)….bigger, she's skinny, a skinny little thing.

BUDD:
What color hair does she have?
CALVIN:
Her hair was bluish-green, but the lights were bluish-green.
BUDD:
Right, so it's hard to tell?
CALVIN: Right.
BUDD:
Was her hair loose and curly?
CALVIN:
Yeah, yeah, loose and curly, a lot less of it though.

BUDD:
Now take one last look; I'm going to ask you one last question about her. Do you think you've seen her in the past couple of years?

CALVIN:
Yes, I've seen her. No, no, I haven't seen her. No.

BUDD:
Why did you say yes and then you said no Calvin, you said yes first? No, I didn't see her, I seen whatever came through the door with me, I seen him again, him again.

BUDD:
Where did you see him?
CALVIN:
A few years ago.
BUDD:
Where was that?
CALVIN:
I'm laid down.
BUDD:
re you at home or in your car or are you walking.
CALVIN:
Uh, I was walking?

BUDD :
Can you tell me about a little bit more about that later, I just want to go back to one thing, you went to a party recently, a support group meeting, do you remember those people at that meeting?

CALVIN: Uh, uh.
Who'd you see?

CALVIN :
I seen a woman, a woman that I seen, on the ship. Not on a ship, a ship and I see her, but I see through her, she's wicked.

BUDD :
Did she say anything to you at the party, did you (inaudible)….this one, at the support group I mean?

CALVIN :
She stared at me and she's mad, I can read her thoughts, I'm reading her thoughts, she's mad because I was supposed to come alone, she wanted me to come here alone, because she wants to kill me.

BUDD:
Well, she maybe wanted you to think that but it don't mean…
CALVIN:
No, she wants to kill me.

BUDD :
Well, maybe she wants you to think that Calvin, but you've got to be careful in any sense but I don't think that's probably real, she's just wants you to feel that. You remember more about that, let's go back to the room now and you've been hitting that lady, woman, and black stuff is coming out of her ears and then this man came in and he stung your arm, what does he do now?

CALVIN:
He leaves and I'm paralyzed. You're paralyzed?
CALVIN:
He's back out the door.
BUDD: Okay.
CALVIN:
I'm paralyzed and she gets up and is she pissed.
BUDD:
Is she pissed, did you hurt her?

CALVIN:
Oh, she's mad, she's hurt, she's hurt bad. And she scratched me around the eyes, fingernails and I can't move and they were ripping my eyes, fingernails and she's still ripping them and all I can think of was I'll get to where I move again.

BUDD:
Did you close your eyes to protect your eyes?
CALVIN:
No, I sit there staring at her; I couldn't even blink my eyes.

BUDD:
But she scratches your eyeballs? Uh, uh. My eyelids, eyebrows, there's blood coming from there. Some kind of light, a strong white light, then she just talked to me, but she wasn't moving her mouth but she was talking to me.

BUDD:
What did she say to you?

CALVIN:
She didn't say nothing to me, she's pulling, she's pulling thoughts out of my head, everything that I know and she's pulling thoughts out and then she tells me, she tells me she's, you're not gonna be any danger to us. And I remember (inaudible)…who is us. She said you will no longer be a threat, I didn't know I was a threat to start with, but she can bet that I will be a threat from now on. She's evil, she's really evil, I can see destruction, I'm able to see things that I've never seen before.

BUDD:
What are you seeing?

CALVIN :
Another light shines on me and it's like it's only now it's beautiful and she's afraid of this light, she's really afraid of this light, she's turning her head now, she's getting back into the corner and trying to get at the door where this light's shining on me. And through this light I can see things, current things, the past, I know things that I've never known. It's like sitting back and watching a movie and been able to see into the future through this light.

BUDD :
What are some of the things you see? I feel a real warm sensation, the best feeling I ever had in my life. Thank God I'm finally dead, I'm dead. And my soul is leaving my body. She's actually killed me; my soul's leaving my

body. In this light, this strong light, I'm glad it's all over now; I'll finally get some peace. And then I see angels, nothing like I've ever seen before. Oh, oh. I'm being pulled back down now; I'm being pulled back into my body. I don't wanna go back into my body I just wanna leave; I want to go into this light, (inaudible)..it just felt so good, let me go back into this light, don't send me back, Lord please take me, take me. Let me come to you, I don't want to go back, but I have to go back, I have to fight her. I have to individually hunt her down and her kind and this is just a thought that has come into my head. I have to find them and sort them out and I have to kill them. I have to go back, I must go back (inaudible)…I must go back to my body now, I must, I'm back in my body. I'm in a standing position. It's not right to hate your fellow man, but I hate what's going on. It's like (inaudible)…what's she's afraid of and I see the destruction, I see the world being changed for what it's like. I see them possessing bodies, taking them over, again I have a power to fight it, I have the power to (inaudible)…..again I can see through her now and the light's gone. I'm at total peace with myself. She turned around and looked, she won't come around now, she's backing away, she's back through the door and she's gone, she's out of sight. I feel brave, I'm bleeding. I've bled so much, I'm hurting, my ribs, they feel like they've been broken and I feel violated, but I feel at peace now, I feel it's over now. And they escort me out the door, the same one that brought me in and I'm back into this little ball and I'm being carried back out. I see Charlie still standing on the pier, I'm still in this little ball and I see Charlie on the pier and he's standing there as though he's paralyzed, Charlie's paralyzed. I'm thinking well, what did they do to him. And then they put me down, an I'm facing the water and my arms are stretched out over the water and Charlie runs to me (inaudible) and says are you okay, what happened, are you okay, are you alright, what's wrong. And Charlie's shaking me, he's shaking me like I've never been shook before and I could feel Charlie shaking me and I could see Charlie shaking me, but I can't react. And Charlie's wanting to talk, he's talking to me and I don't want to talk no more.

BUDD:
Is it dark?
CALVIN: Uh, uh.
BUDD:

Is it dark out?
CALVIN:
Very dark. But there's a full moon. The light's shining from the moon.
BUDD:
Was it this dark when you went inside?
CALVIN:
No, no, no. The lights were a lot brighter.
BUDD:
It was after sunset when you went in?

CALVIN:
Yeah. We are going back towards the car, there's nothing there anymore, I didn't see it leave, I didn't see it leave, there's nothing there anymore. (inaudible)….there's my car and the windows are shattered on my car. I told Charlie, I'll have a drink of that whiskey now and he's getting the bottle for me and it's broke, it's running over the car and then I felt the hate again, a spiteful hate. And if they mess with me now they'll really piss me off, if they mess with my new car.

BUDD :
What did (inaudible)? The windows are broke out, one of the windows, windows on the drivers side. There's a scratch on the door. The car won't crank, it took a long time to crank it. I don't wanna talk no more.

BUDD :
Okay. This is what I'm gonna do. I just want you to take a very easy deep breath, I just want you to take a really wonderful, easy deep breath.

CALVIN:
(Calvin can be heard taking a very deep breath).

BUDD:
You can feel your lungs expanding and contracting, a great sense of relief. I'm gonna put my hand back on your shoulder, this is gonna (inaudible)… here with me, here with us, your friends. And you'll feel just fine. Calvin, it's all in the past, it's 20 years ago and you're okay now. (inaudible)....wake you up by counting from 5 back to 1, at 1 you'll be fully awake, Before you do that, before we do that I want you to know that when you wake up your

gonna feel a great sense of relief. Lot's of pieces of this that have been missing, they haven't made sense, they are now coming together. It will give you a sense that parts of your life that have been taken from you or hidden from you now belong to you, that you can remember. And above everything you're gonna realise that however strong you were as a young man of 19, where you are now 20 years later, you're gonna realise because you came through all of these experiences that you are even stronger than you thought you were. That you are a very, very strong man, very, very full of resilience, you're a survivor, you can go through all kinds of things and survive because you've got a tremendous resources. You're gonna have some kind of secret inner-pride, that you've got these resources, that you area strong as you are, you've come through all this. These other things that you are only remembering pieces of now, that we've been talking about, when you were a little boy with this woman at the window and other times, when you were a child, all these other things, when you father saw them at the party, the meeting, all these other things that you now are gonna remembering more of. You're gonna realise that whatever those experiences were you've survived them too, you've come through them all, you've come through them well because you've got tremendous resources, tremendous strength. You're gonna feel very, very good about your friends and other people who've had these experiences. You're gonna feel closer than ever to people who've gone through this. People like Bill, Jan and Anne have been here. Some of whom have had experiences like this, you'll feel a new bond, a new closeness, that's gonna be massive gain you'll have out of all this of this. And above all you'll feel that strength, that you've survived all this and that you're strong, you can share this with Waynette and it's gonna make things even better (inaudible)…..You're gonna feel relieved and you'll sleep well tonight, you'll allow yourself to remember these other pieces of experiences whenever you need to, but above all you'll feel that strength that you have inside. So at 5 you are starting to wake up, 4 waking up, 3 almost awake, 2, 1 fully awake.

CALVIN:
I feel like I could go back to sleep. (sighs).
BUDD:
You've been (inaudible)…didn't you?
CALVIN:

Yeah, mmmm. That's pretty most of the things.
BUDD:
You're a tough hombre though man, you came through a lot of stuff.
CALVIN:
Yeah, that's funny.
BUDD:
What's that?

CALVIN:
How you could remember things that, I could never remember. As though they are just locked away.

BUDD:
(inaudible)……How long do you think you went?
CALVIN:
About 5 minutes.
BUDD:
About an hour and a half all of it.
END OF TAPE.

This is the first time I've known what was on the tape. I had planned to meet with Budd on a regular base but never did. I regret now not doing so; lot more could have been uncovered from the hypnosis sessions. All down the years I didn't know about a lot of this and I don't know why I didn't remember any of this. I went to Florida to talk to Budd about some missing time because I knew he had written a book about it. But I didn't realise what this would lead to. It's a chapter in my life that I didn't know if I wanted to remember or not.

Today after reading this 24th April 2018 I loaded up and went fishing with my wife and friend. They asked me what was wrong and I just sat by myself and said nothing, my mind was every where but fishing. I think my wife knew what I was going through because she had started reading the transcripts and couldn't finish them because it upset her so bad. This whole event has torn up my family for many years and I didn't realise until today but it even affected my younger brother which I would have died trying to protect. I remember when we were young, him waking up scared. Now I

know why but when you are five or six yeas old and get scared at night, everyone in the house just thinks your imagination is running wild but you need to take a closer look it might be more than just a dream.

There was a time in my life where I would get up the next morning and have cuts and scratches on me and I would just think I did it while sleeping. Since reading this transcript it has jogged my memory somewhat and has got me thinking. My memory is slowly going over things in my head and starting to come back a little bit at a time. I know it will most likely take years to get my memory back, if I live that long, but if I died today this has answered a lot of questions for me. My plan from now on is to find out all I can so maybe I can help someone going through the very same thing.

Most people going through this don't want to talk about it because of being ridiculed. I never cared if people believed me or not. But I have to say that I guess I did or I wouldn't have kept a lot of this to myself. This kind of stuff keeps you on an emotional train wreck and makes a person moody that is not good company for anyone around you.

At first I didn't want to write this book but now I am glad I did because if I hadn't I would never have got to listen to this hypnosis session with Budd Hopkins. I have to thank Philip Mantle again because without him and his connections I would have never got to hear this.

There was a lot of the story that I didn't tell when I came off the craft with Charlie, that was because he was trying to protect me from the publicity because he knew I didn't like most people and couldn't handle it. He knew the hell I went through that night but still he kept his silence and I appreciate him for that. Soon afterwards we grew apart and he went his way and I went mine, very rarely seeing each other. If I bumped into some of his family in Laurel I would always ask about him.

Life went on for both of us but I wish before he passed away I would have got a chance to talk to him in detail a little more about things. Life goes on and I am still on the hunt for information and sooner or later I will find it. For now I will just sit back and keep putting the puzzle together.

I got a job in Pascagoula, Mississippi working for a friend of mine. So we moved there, bought a place on the river, not too far from where Charlie and I was abducted. I can be there in a boat in twenty five minutes. Speaking of Charlie, we really didn't see each other or speak much, from the time I moved back to Sandersville, Mississippi. We both just went different ways. Now I lived about fifteen minutes from him but we still don't see each other

Family UFO sightings

The next incident involves someone I know very well. This lady would give me a good spanking, one you would never forget. If I said a bad word she would wash my mouth out with soap. You didn't talk back to her or lie She was really strict and always taught her kids to respect others and to always do the right thing. This person was my mother, Betty Lou Parker Garrard. My mother was living on a big farm in Ellisville, Mississippi. She had cattle, catfish ponds, a bunch of dogs and big gardens. She loved the farm and worked hard keeping it in good shape. She has never asked me about my incident in Pascagoula with Charlie, because she knew it bothered me. If we talked about it, it was because I brought it up. One night her dogs starting barking like mad and they woke her up. My brother woke up too. To see what was going on they looked out of the back door to see all of the cattle running to the front of the field from the back. That was when they saw some really bright lights, shining on the ground from above. Still not knowing what it was my mom was worried about her livestock. Mom and my brother went to take a closer look, nothing scares my mother, but my brother was scared to death. She said it was a big craft that was bright in color. That scared her. She kept saying to herself, "Calvin's not here, Calvin's not here". Then, the UFO lifted up about one hundred feet in the air and then shot off, straight up. The next morning they went out to check on everything to make sure it was alright for the livestock and there was a mark in the field and one head of cattle missing. I don't know if they took the cow or it ran away but it was never seen again. My brother tried to tell me about it a year before he passed away. That's how I found out about this incident. I asked mom about it just a couple years ago. She didn't tell me right then and there because of the effect it might have on me. If I ever believed anyone when talking about such incidents, it would be my mom.

There was one more incident and it involved my father-in-law. This is a man that is as honest as the day is long. He raised his kids so tight that if one of them ever talked back or crossed him he would beat their ass. He never believed me when the incident happened in 1973 and the reason I know this is because he told me he didn't. Like I said, he didn't beat about the bush. I really liked him and he is one of the most honest men I have ever known. He had over one hundred acres of land. Worked at the same job for years until he retired. Then he grew his garden and worked on his catfish ponds. He bought a 'dozer' to keep his land in good shape. There was an artesian water well that free-flowed a full six inches stream of water. He was planning to make a big swimming hole there and charge people to go there and swim. It was full of fish and he worked until almost dark there one evening. He said that he saw a bright light and it came down straight over the pond and the water looked like it was boiling while he was watching it. Then all the fish came to the top of the water, it killed every fish in the pond. He said that it took out all the oxygen in the water. Waynett and I was over there the next day and he said "son, I am sorry that I didn't believe you but I do now because seeing is believing." Like I said, he is a man of few words and that was all he said about it. He never brought it up again. I know that I wasn't involved in the incidents with my mom and brother and my father-in-law, but I just wanted to provide this information as I'm sure there is a reason why other members of my family have had sightings as well but I just don't know what that reason is. I really believe that there a reason behind all this and one day I will know the truth and so will the world. I am still on a quest for the truth. Someone asked me once if it bothered me if someone didn't believe me. I told them to look around at the world, the trees, the flowers, life itself. There are people that still don't believe in God despite all the evidence he has provided. So no, it doesn't bother me, I have nothing to prove to anyone. I am writing this book because in the last year or so everyone I see asks me to. I'm not doing it to prove a point and I know the story is true. Also, my wife and daughter wanted me to. Waynett and I have talked about it for a long time. It seemed everywhere we go people ask why I have not wrote a book. So Waynett and I decided it was time and that people really do care about me and wanted to know if I was okay and hear the story from my point of view.

****** CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Aftermath part two

Someone once asked me how my life was affected by the lone encounter experience. Well, my life took a completely different turn from what I had planned. For example, everyone used to call me a country boy before this happened. I loved going to horse shows, hunting and fishing. I was a very typical country boy and proud of it. I always had a garden and I use to say my prayers on a regular basis. I was the kind of person you would want your daughter to go out with as I always worked hard and kept the same job.

After all this happened to me and Charlie I couldn't stay focused for very long on anything and as much as I enjoyed life I never planned ahead after this. I took each day as it came.

I saw everything it put my family through, this was really hard to deal with. The fear on their faces, trying not to ask me anything that would upset me. When it comes down to it most people have their family and a few close friends that they can reply on and I was the same.

After the first abduction I really didn't trust my judgement anymore, I was just a bundle of nerves and jumpy, always looking over my shoulder. If I'm honest I didn't have a clue about what had happened to me. I was still young and didn't know how to judge people and I trusted everyone. It didn't take long to figure out that you couldn't trust anyone without them gaining that trust. That was the reason it took so long to write this book. Finally I found someone I trusted and clicked with. Someone apart from my family who thought it would be a good idea to write a book that in turn would help me have a better understanding about what had happened. Well, hopefully it might help regardless. I just want to take the time to thank Philip Mantle for everything he has done and for gaining my trust. And I have to say it was a long road for him to do that, but it's there 100 now. I also want to thank my wife Dorothy Waynett Parker, my daughter Stacie Bailey

Parker, her husband Thomas Bailey and his father August Bailey, for helping me make up my mind. The best family in the world.

Getting back to the way I feel I often sit around and wonder why did this happen to me? That is still a question I can't answer. Maybe this has happened to someone else and they just can't remember it, who knows?

We must remember that my second close encounter in 1996, which was explored under regressive hypnosis by alien abduction researcher Budd Hopkins, was only revealed to me under hypnosis. I could not consciously remember any of it, all I had was this large chunk of 'missing time' that I could not account for. That has to be one of the worst feelings a person could ever have. Not knowing where almost a whole day went and not remembering much, just bits and pieces of what happened and not being able to put them together in a sensible manner. At least the first abduction in 1973 was straight in-your-face and I remember all of it. Slowly but surely everything is coming back to me regarding my abduction experience in 1996.. Hopefully I will remember all of it soon. I wanted to call Charlie and talk to him to see if anything had happened to him but somewhere in all this Charlie and I had grown apart. So I just didn't call him which I think was for the best at the time.

The hardest part off all of this was seeing the fear in my mother and brother's eyes. When my mom was telling me about the UFO sighting that was at her farm and when she kept telling them that Calvin's not here, then I knew it was my fault that they were afraid. I guess everything happens for a reason and sometimes we simply don't understand why.

I have never really talked about this other, second abduction in 1996. I found out through experience that people believe what they want to at times and what they think might not be the way it is. I have had people say things about me that are simply not true, something that they just made up. I don't know why people do that but that it's just human nature I guess.

If I had a choice about everything there would be a lot in my life I would change. For example, I would have done more like Charlie did and opened up a little more about what happened and talked more about it and give more interviews and informed people a little more about what happened. So if something like this ever happens to you I respectfully suggest you open up about it no matter how bad it might seem, because in the long run you will be better off doing so. Don't worry if people believe you or not because

it doesn't really matter. Some people will believe you and some people won't, so just be honest with yourself .

I still haven't opened up to many people about this. But I promise in the future I am going to try to do my best. I know for a fact good or bad there is a reason for what happened to me. The human race as a whole think they know everything but they don't and maybe someone is trying to give us another chance before we destroy yourself .

I have just a few friends now and sometimes we go the winter and not see much of each other. But when spring comes we all have boats and have one thing in common and that is the Pascagoula River. This group of friends all count on each other and if one has a problem the rest of them are there for them. I love each and every one of them, they are like family to me. That is all we really need in life. That's all I need, I know that for sure. Speaking of family it's the same way with them, we don't see each other much because we all have our own lives to lead, but that doesn't mean we don't love each other. Without my family and friends I don't know how I would have coped.

****** CHAPTER FOURTEEN
Where have I been

Where have I been? Everyone thinks I just disappeared off the face of the earth. That's what I wanted everyone to think. I still don't like being around most people, just a few friends and family. I didn't want to live too far away from the Pascagoula River. One of the main reasons for this is that it's got some of the best fishing in the state and I love to fish. The other reason is almost everyone knows me around here and respect my privacy. Most of the people that live here won't tell anyone where I live. I have had reports that journalists were hunting for me and asked where I live. My neighbors just gave them an off the wall address, sending them on a wild goose chase. When I do get out I go once a month to Laurel to take my wife to see her mother.

I used to watch Charlie on the news all the time and I just couldn't understand why he would do that. I know the TV news companies don't pay a thing for an interview, the same way that all the TV talk-shows hardly pay

you a dime, maybe just your expenses. I always made more money from simply working. I didn't do any talks at UFO conventions, instead I just like sleeping in my own bed, eating my own food and that way I know both of them are clean. Living just a few miles from Charlie I called him a couple of times to see if he wanted to go fishing, but the conversation would always end up with him wanting to talk about our encounter and I didn't. I got the impression that Charlie was more adversely affected than I was because he couldn't let it go. I think if he had of let it go it would have disappeared by now. That's what I wanted, just to forget about it .We didn't have five minutes of fame we have had forty five minutes of fame .

Although Charlie and I didn't see each other much after the encounter I did take one more trip with him. The trip left me out of my pocket but to me it was worth it. We went to see Betty Hill. She had phoned Charlie and said she was dying and that she would like to see both of us, so I agreed to fly down and see her with Charlie. What an interesting woman she was and what a story she had to tell. Her case was known as the Hill abduction or the (Zeta Reticuli). We stayed two days together then I stayed on an extra day because I wanted to know everything. Betty told us all about the abduction experience she and her husband Barney had. It was a real privilege to meet her.

The Hills lived in New Hampshire and as far as I know they were the only bi-racial married couple in the area in the 1960s. A white woman and a black man marrying at that time just wasn't heard of. Thankfully times have changed. They were driving from Niagara falls when Barney spotted a craft and a four hour trip took them over seven hours. This is why I went there to hear about the 'missing time'. This is what Budd Hopkins was talking about happening frequently in such cases. This was what had happened to me in 1996.

This was the interesting part and I wanted to ask Betty about it. All of their abduction story came out while under hypnosis. A lot of people thought they'd made it up. But after spending time with Betty Hill I believed her. I didn't get to talk to Barney as he had passed away a few years ago. But their story has stood the test of time in my opinion.

On the way there while on the plane I tried to talk to Charlie about my 'missing time' experience in 1996, but he just didn't want to talk about it. So, I just dropped it and told myself that this would be my last trip to go anywhere with him. Little did I know he would pass away shortly thereafter.

I didn't know Charlie had passed away until a reporter looked me up and barged his way in on me and my family. I am still pissed about this reporter from ABC. He went to the county school board and someone from the school board brought him to my house. The school board has no business running a tour service, I will remember this on election day. I pay school taxes and don't even have kids in school.

On that day I was sitting on my back porch visiting with some friends from Seattle when he showed up unannounced. I reluctantly granted him an interview because if I hadn't it would have led to more news reporters trying to see if they could get an interview. That's when he asked me how I felt about Charlie dying. This was the first I heard about it. I just told him how would you feel in losing a friend you've known all your life. After he left I contacted Charlie's son Eddie Hickson and visited with him on the phone for a little while. Charlie's son has always been close to his dad and supported him through all of this. If our local station WLOX would have come out wanting an interview I would have gladly granted them one. I assumed they didn't want an interview because they have never asked although they have used my name on the news every now and then.

I never knew what Charlie thought about my other encounters, we never talked about it. I always wanted to ask him if he had any more. But that chance has gone I'm sorry to say.

I have often been asked to speak in public, but I don't like being in the public eye. I have to say most everyone I meet is just curious about what happened and that is up to them if they believe it or not. But I would say about 90 of the people that live here and know of me do feel that something very strange did happen to me and Charlie but have no idea what it was.

So you see, I purposely kept out of limelight and let Charlie do all the TV shows, UFO conventions and news interviews etc. We had both been affected in different ways by what had happened and it changed me completely. But now times have changed and I have learned a lot and want to tell my story while I still can.

****** CHAPTER FIFTEEN
My story

Here it is four years later and I am writing a book about my abduction experience. I really didn't think it was that important until I started noticing everyone asking why I hadn't wrote a book. They also wanted to know how I was handling things after my encounter, even all these years later. I had never really thought about it but these were questions from the people and neighbors I have lived around, they who had protected me from the outside world. Then, one day, we were at a neighbors and friend's funeral, he was well thought of and respected, so those at the funeral were people he knew from a lot of different states around the USA. They all pretty much acted like they knew me and knew my history and asked me why I hadn't written a book .

After getting home from the funeral my wife said I need to talk to you. She told me I needed to write a book because you owe it to the people that have followed your story. To be honest I have never thought about that. I told my wife Waynett that I would think about it. So, I thought about it and thought to myself that she would forget all about it before too long. How wrong I was. Just a few weeks later the subject kept coming up just out of the blue. I informed Waynett that I didn't know the first thing about how to write a book and I didn't have the education to enable me to do it. But once again Waynett kept on and on about it, she had been on this scene from the beginning and would like know the full story herself and she was sure that others would too. I had no choice so I told her if someone came by that knew how to write a book and was willing to help I would give it a try.

Of course I was thinking that I would never find someone like that. Then, out of the blue Philip Mantle contacted me through my email and asked me about a book. I told him I had been working on one and he kept waiting for me to send it to him. He waited patiently for quite a few months. All I had

at this point was a few notes that I made for myself, no book, no nothing. These notes were not very well organized and I knew it was far from a book, so, Mr. Mantle said he would help me if I would give it a go. Eventually we talked on the phone and a deal was made in order to get my story into a book. I sent him a copy of my notes and he emailed me back in a nice way and said it needed a lot of work but that he was an author and was certain that together we could do it and we did. I have to say that without his patience and help there would be no book. He made it a lot easier than I thought. I have worked on this book at night because I don't sleep much so it just seemed the right time to do it. If I get three hours of sleep at night that is a full night's sleep for me. The main reason of course for me trying to write a book is for my family and friends. Finally I can let them all know what I think about what has happened and what I have gone through. Putting it in a book is much easier for me rather than have to tell them all one-to-one to their faces.

My brother-in-law Hosey Smith and his daughter Amanda Smith, came to the coast to spend Easter weekend with us (2018). They went to the beach and walked out on the pier and were just looking and there was a light going across the sky. There was a man standing there and of course he had no idea who they were. He said to them "look at that." This guy also told them that a few years back there was a man that had been abducted just across the river. My niece told him that it was her uncle that had been abducted and he said "You're kidding". My niece told him what she knew about what had happened to me and Charlie. He replied, "Damn, that guy is my hero I want to meet him". That kind of thing happens all the time.

There has been times when we would be out and someone would talk about our 'close encounter' without having a clue that I was one of the two men involved.. Then they would say I know that guy, he's very cool. I would never tell them any different of course. I am going to talk to Philip about putting a before and after picture in the book for the people on the coast. There was a time when I got really big just from bad eating habits, but since last March (2017) I have lost 140lb, so people have started to recognize me again. There was a time for a while with all that weight on that they didn't recognize me at all. I guess everything is for a reason .

I know that other people that have had a close encounter experience and they have not told anyone about it at all. My advice to them would be to contact someone in this field and talk to them about this. Many such researchers will treat you with respect and dignity and will not reveal anything without your permission. At the end of this chapter I will provide you with some contact information to someone that can help you or get you some help. Do not try to deal with this by yourself, it will drive you crazy and there are people that can help you. The first thing to do is to call the authorities and just tell them the truth. The next thing to do is to document everything, who you talked to, any other witnesses, get their full name and address, write a narrative about what you witnessed and so on. I found that it's important to write down the time it happened, what the weather was like, even if the wind was blowing. There is no detail too small because later on you may well need it. Keep a clear head, don't drink any alcohol or take any drugs. Everyone has a cell-phone with a camera so take pictures if possible. The reason I say this is because I went through all of this. Back in 1973 when this happened to me there were no cellphones but today almost everyone has one. Another thing is that today a lot of people carry a firearm. My advice would be not shoot at these beings should you encounter one. I will say it again, do not shoot at them. Just document everything and get away from whatever it is as fast as possible and then call 911.

To the people that research this phenomenon please remember what this person just gone through and don't push them for answers. Treat them with care and respect and just ask as many questions as possible but don't push for answers all at one time. They will soon start remembering and open up to you. Advise them that it would be in their best interest not to read or study any other cases until you have all their information documented. Don't give them examples or any descriptions of any other cases so that you then cannot be accused of putting words it to the witnesses mouths. Please keep telling them that they are going to be okay and that no one is going to ridicule them. And please keep the press away from them if at all possible so they won't plant any ideas in their head. This is just some simple advice for both the researchers and the witnesses, but it is advice based on my own experience. This is my story and I have written this book for a number of reason as you can see. I wanted to set the record straight, tell my family,

friends and neighbors and anyone else that is interested, exactly what happened to me, how it has affected my life ever since and what I believe is the nature an origin of my ‘close encounters’. If you don’t agree with me that’s fine, but I do hope if that is the case you will at least agree on one thing and that is that Charlie and me told the truth and that’s a fact.

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